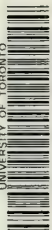


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PREFACE.

PRIOR to the dissolution of monasteries, the town of Bury St. Edmund's being exempt from the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Norwich, within whose diocese it was locally situate, the wills of the burgesses were proved before the Sacrist of the monastery of St. Edmund; but, on the passing of the Act 31 Hen. VIII. c. 13, confirming the surrender of religious houses to the king, the town became subject directly to the Bishop. Remaining, however, exempt from the jurisdiction of the Archdeacon, the episcopal authority was deputed to a Commissary, in whose court the wills of persons deceasing in Bury were proved till the year 1844, when, by an Order in Council issued under the powers of the Act 6 and 7 Will. IV. c. 77, the town was declared to form part of the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, which, in 1837, by Order in Council, had been taken from the diocese of Norwich and made part of that of Ely.

The registers of the Commissary and of the Archdeacon are preserved in one and the same court at Bury St. Edmund's. The "Bury Wills," proved before the Sacrist, commencing with the year 1354 and ending with 1566, are preserved in seven books, entitled—

Osborne . . .	1354—1442	Hood . . .	1514—1530
Hawlee . . .	1443—1482	Hollond . . .	1530—1540
Pye . . .	1491—1509	Sunday . . .	1550—1566
Mason . . .	1510—1513		

Those known as "Country Wills," proved in the court of the Arch-

deacon, are contained in the following volumes (the first six of which have no indexes):—

Baldwyne . . .	1439—1474	Buxton . . .	1551—1553
Hervey . . .	1473—1490	Woode . . .	1552 & 1553
Fuller . . .	1479—1525	Markes . . .	1554 & 1555
Boner . . .	1483—1517	More . . .	1556
Newton . . .	1517—1526	Dooe . . .	1557
Johnson . . .	1519—1528	Bell . . .	1558
Kyrbycane . . .	1500—1533	Sparrowe . . .	1559
Brydon . . .	1520—1527	Paynter . . .	1560
Brett . . .	1529—1538	Baker . . .	1561
Longe * . . .	1530—1540	Woode † . . .	1562 & 1563
Poope . . .	1537—1541	Arnolde . . .	1564—1567
Colman . . .	1541	Peade . . .	1568 & 1569
Cole . . .	1540—1550		

In the following books the wills of residents in Bury are registered with those of the archdeaconry:—

Aldrich . . .	1570	Everston . . .	1611—1613
Hum . . .	1570 & 1571	Steven . . .	1614 & 1615
Large . . .	1572 & 1573	Legate . . .	1616 & 1617
Wroo . . .	1574—1578	Gibson . . .	1618 & 1619
Browne . . .	1579—1582	Harrold . . .	1620—1623
Frende . . .	1583—1585	Pearle . . .	1624—1626
Bright . . .	1586 & 1587	Mason . . .	1627—1629
Goddard . . .	1588—1590	Corner . . .	1630
Bacon . . .	1591—1594	Colman . . .	1631—1635
Blomfield . . .	1595—1597	Gael . . .	1636—1638
Whiting . . .	1598—1601	Muriell . . .	1639—1642
Coppinge . . .	1600—1605	Meadows . . .	1643—1647
Strutt . . .	1606—1608	Ashton, pars I. . .	1648—1652
Roger . . .	1609—1611		

* This volume contains some Bury Wills.

† Wills of the years 1552 and 1553 are also registered in this book.

No entries are made between the years 1652 and 1660; which is thus accounted for in one of the indexes:—

“Cætera ab hoc anno desiderantur testamenta; cæpit jam Cromwelli vsurpatoris istius ambitio rabide sævire, cujus sub vexillo grassabantur vndiq; seditio, violentia, rebellio, sacrilegiū, Et (quod horrendum dictu est) **Regicidium**. Hinc sequuta sunt, confusio in ecclesia, in republica militum insolentia, in parochijs factio, in familijs Atheismus. Et plebs miserrima cum maximo suo damno et detrimento apud (nescio quæ tribunalia Londinensia) ad Cromwelli libitum, coacta est se sistere ad testamenta proband.”

The Restoration of Charles the Second and the resumption of the registrar's duties is also entered.

“Tandem misertus est tribulacōum nostrarū Deus, et illuxit auspiciatissim⁹ ille dies: vicesimus nonus Maij, anno incarnacōis Christi 1660:

“Quo die serenissimus noster **Rex Carolus Secundus** defensor fidei, assertor libertatis, postliminio redijt, cujus felicissimo adventu et ecclesia religionem et ordinem suum, respublica leges et libertatem suam recuperavit: Et nos denno ad officiū n̄rum registrale cum Deo revertimus: Vnde licitum est sine timore sequestratorū, proditorū, regicidarū, seditiosorumq; homicidarū qui tam nefariē in hoc regno nuper sæviebant, et in contemptū eorū omniū in modum sequenē subscribere.

“Gulielmus Colman }
No^rius Pub^{cus} } Reġrarius.”

To facilitate further researches into these registers it may be useful to give a list of the several towns and parishes within the archdeaconry of Sudbury:—

FORDHAM DEANERY—

Ashley with Silverly
 Barton Mills
 Brandon
 Burwell
 Cavenham
 Chevely
 Chippenham
 Downham
 Elden
 Eriswell
 Exning
 Fordham
 Heringswell
 Icklingham St. James
 Icklingham All Saints
 Kennett
 Kirtling
 Lakenheath
 Mildenhall
 Newmarket St. Mary
 Newmarket All Saints
 Snailwell
 Soham
 Tuddenham
 Wangford
 Wicken
 Wood Ditton
 Worlington

THINGOE DEANERY—

Barrow
 Brockley
 Chevington
 Flempton with Hen-
 grave
 Fornham All Saints
 Hawstead
 Hargrave
 Horningheath

Ickworth

Lackford

Nowton

Reed

Risby

Saxham, Great

Saxham, Little

Westley

Whepstead

BLACKBOURNE DEANERY—

Ashfield

Badwell Ash

Bardwell

Barnham St. Gregory
 and St. Martin

Barningham

Coney Weston

Culford

Elmeswell

Euston

Fakenham, Great

Fakenham, Little

Hepworth

Hinderclay

Honington

Hopton

Hunston

Ingham

Ixworth

Knettishall

Langham

Livermere, Little

Norton

Rickingham Inferior

Sapistone

Stanton St. John

Stanton All Saints

Stowlangtoft

Thorpe by Ixworth

Thelnetham

Troston

Walsham le Willows

Wattisfield

Weston Mercate

Wordwell

THEDWASTREE DEANERY—

Ampton

Barton, Great

Beyton

Bradfield Combust

Bradfield St. George

Bradfield St. Clare

Drinkstone

Felsham

Fornham St. Geneveve

Fornham St. Martin

Gedding

Hesset

Livermere, Great

Pakenham

Rattlesden

Rongham

Rushbrooke

Stanningfield

Thurston

Tinworth

Tostock

Westow

Whelnetham, Great

Whelnetham, Little

Woolpit

HARTISMERE DEANERY—

Aspall

Bacton

Braesworth

Broome

Burgate

Cotton	Onehouse	Newton by Sudbury
Eye	Shelland	Polstead
Finningham	Stowmarket	Preston
Gislingham	Stowupland	Semere
Mellis	Wetherden	Shimpling
Mendlesham		Somerton
Occold	SUDBURY DEANERY—	Stanstead
Oakley, Great	Acton	Stoke by Nayland
Oakley, Little	Aldham	Sudbury St. Peter
Palgrave	Alpheton	Sudbury All Saints
Redlingfield [dale	Assington	Sudbury St. Gregory
Redgrave with Botes-	Bildestone	Thorpe Morieux
Rickingham Superior	Boxford	Waldingfield, Great
Rishangles	Boxstead	Waldingfield, Little
Stoke Ash	Brettenham	Wattisham
Sturston	Bures	Wattisfield
Thornham, Great	Cavendish	Wiston
Thornham, Little	Chelsworth	
Thorndon	Chilton	CLARE DEANERY—
Thrandistone	Cockfield	Barnardistone
Thwaite	Cornard, Great	Bradley, Great
Westhorp	Cornard, Little	Bradley, Little
Wickhamskeith	Edwardstone	Chedburgh
Wetheringsett and	Elmsett	Clare
Brockford	Ely Combust	Cowlinge
Wiverstone	Glemsford	Dalham
Wortham Jarvase and	Groton	Depden
Everard	Hartest	Denham
Yaxley	Hitcham	Denston
	Kersey	Gazely
STOW DEANERY—	Kettlebastone	Haverhill
Buxhall	Lavenham	Hawkedon
Combs	Lawshall	Hundon
Creeting St. Peter	Layham	Ketton
Creeting All Saints	Lindsey	Kentford
Finborough, Great	Melford	Lidgate
Finborough, Little	Milden	Owsden
Harleston	Naughton	Poslingford
Haughley	Nayland	Stansfield
Newton, Old	Nedging	Stoke by Clare

Stradishall	Wickhambrook	Wratting, Great
Thurlow, Great	Withersfield	Wratting, Little
Thurlow, Little	Wixoe	

N.B. The two parishes in Bury St. Edmund's are peculiar to the Commissary of the said archdeaconry.

The selection of wills forming the present volume has been made more with a view to illustrate the peculiar customs and language of the period than the topology or genealogy of the district.

To the late and present Deputy Registrars of the Court—P. J. Case, Esq. John Greene, Esq. and Charles Wodehouse, Esq. the Camden Society is especially indebted for permitting the Editor to have the freest access to the registers under their care, and for allowing the transcripts to be made.

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Bury St. Edmund's, July 30, 1850.

W I L L S

FROM THE COURT OF

THE COMMISSARY OF BURY ST. EDMUND'S, &c.

Ada de Stanton Capellanus.—1370.

Inventař q^orūdā bonoŷ dñi Ade de Stanton capellni tempe dñi
Joh̃nis de Lauenh^{am} Sacriste Monastij s̃ci Edm̃i in festo Apłoŷ
Philippi et Jacobi A^o dñi M^{mo} ccc^{mo} lxx^{mo}.

In pⁱmis in pecunia vj ŷ. viij đ. et j. sigill^{ar}g^o preč ij ŷ.

Iř ij off eř et j. posnet preč xj ŷ. vj đ.

Iřm in patell^{ar} xxij đ. ob.

Iř peluř rotund^{us} cū lauatoř xvij đ.

Iř in instrumēř ferř vj ŷ. vij đ. et vj đ.

In vasis de pewtre debiř iiij ŷ. ij đ.

Iř de vtēsilib^{us} ligneis iiij ŷ. vij đ.

Iř j. portiforiū x ŷ.

Iř vn^o lib^{er} de lege ěř et j. par statutoŷ et j. lib^{er} de romaūces.

Iř j. cinctoriū cū bursa et cultell^{ar} v ŷ.

Iř j. par cultell^{ar} p mensa xij đ.

Iř j. sella cū freno et calcař iiij ŷ.

Iř de vestiřnt^{ar} lineis et laneis xxvij ŷ. viij đ. et xij đ.

Iř de cistis et forsař vj ŷ. ij đ.

Sum^a iiij ti. xv ŷ. ij đ.

M^d q^d om̃a sup^{ra}scripta sūt libata p p̃ceptū dñi Joh̃is de
Lauenh^{am} Sacriste Moñij s̃ci Edi Joh̃ni Purchas de Verdewell
ad opus Henricj filij et hered^{um} Henricj Aunger de Stanton. Et vna
ps hui^o bille indentata remanet penes p̃fatū dñm Sacristā et altera
pars penes p̃dc̃m Joh̃ Purchas.

[Lib. Osbern, f. 34.]

Agnes Stubbard de Bury.—1418.

In dei noīe Amen. Ego Agnes Stubbard de Bury scī Edi sana mente et bona memoria existens apud Bury p̄dict̄ die Sabbi px^o post fīn scī Ambrosij anno dñi Milīmo cccc^{mo} decimo octavo condo testa^{tu} meū in hunc modū. In p^lmē lego aīam meā deo oīmpotenti beate Marie Virgini et oīibz scīs corp^o qz meū ecclias- tice sepultuř. Iēm lego sūmo altari ecclie beate Marie Virginis de Bury p̄dict̄ p decimis et obla^cōibz meis oblitē seu minime psolutē et p salute aīe mee xl s. Iēm lego capellno beate Marie in eadē ecclia ij s. Iē lego cuilt clīco pochl eiusdm ecclie viij d. Iē sacrē eiusd ecclie vj d. Iē lego dōpno Ade Lester monacho de Bury p̄dict̄ vj s. viij d. Iē lego dōpno Thome Geddyng monacho de eadē viij s. iij d. Iēm lego duobz capellis gilde de dusze vidett dño Jacobo et dño Walfo Browster vtriq illoz iij s. iij d. reliquis v^o capellis eiusdm gilde cuilt eoꝝ ij s. Iē lego Ričo Baxster capellno v li. annuatī septē annis ad celeb^undū p aīa mea. Iē dño Johi Wat capellno vj s. viij d. Item lego frībz minoribz de Babewett xl s. Item lego Witto Tompston frī eiusdm ordinis v marc' p vno anno ad celeb^undū p aīa mea. Iē lego Michaeli Manston frī eiusd ordinis vj s. viij d. Iē lego Henř Hawle frī ordinis carmelitaz de Gybwico vj s. viij d. Iē lego cuilt moniali de Thetford xx d. et p^lorisse ij s. Iē lego cuilt moniali de Bungeye xij d. et dñe Margareť Haūlond ij s. Iē leg' cuilt moniali de Ikelyngton xij d. et dñe Alič Perye ij s. Iē leg' cuilt moniali de Hedyng^hm xij d. Iē leg' vtroq ordini frīm de Thetford x s. Iēm lego frībz p̄dicatoribz de Sudbury x s. Iē lego frībz Augustinens de Clař x s. Iē leg' Johi Peyton clerič exhibicōnē suā exceptē p̄ficiis que sibi dant^u ex capella scē Margareť vsq sit etatis viginti quatuor annoꝝ et q^d celebret p aīa mea p^lmo anno q^o fu^oit sacerdos si vero fu^oit sacerdos infra illā etatē volo q^d tēat exhibicōm suā vsq sit p̄sbř et q^d tūc p^lmo anno sui p̄sbi^uatē celebret p aīa mea. Ita q^d sit gu^unat^o scđm račonabilē disposicōm executorū. Iē lego Johi Burre paup; iij s. iij d. Iē leg' Agneť Sadeler iij s. iij d. Iē lego Margareť

Blake iij s. iiij d. Iť leg' cuitt capellno ad exequias mei p'senciaťr
 existenti vj d. Residuũ vero oĩm bonoꝝ meoꝝ mobiliũ et imobiľiũ
 catalloꝝ et debitoꝝ meoꝝ quoruĩcũq; cõmitto disposiĉoi exccutoꝝ
 meoꝝ. Hui⁹ autē testaĩti mei meos ordino facio et gstituo exccutores
 dilĉos michi in xpo Rogerũ Lesteř Riĉm Baxster capellũ et Walťũ
 Bon de Bury p'dict vt ipi Deũ p' oculis hntes hanc vltimã voluntatē
 meã fideťr exequant^{ur}. Et leg' cuib; exccutoꝝ meoꝝ p laboř suo xx s.
 In cui⁹ rei testioniũ huic p'senti testa^{io} sigillũ meũ apposui.
 Dať loco die et anno sup^{ra} dictę.

Ilec est vltima voluntas mei Agnetę Stubbard de Bury sĉi Edi
 fact die sabbi p̄x ante festũ sĉi Georgij M^{ris} anno ř ř Henř q'nti
 post cõq̄m octauo. In p'mis assigno Riĉo Baxster capell j. vesti
 mentē videť j. casula j. alba j. amict j. stol j. fanoĩ j. zona j.
 corpale cũ cooptorio ij panĩ liĩ sup altař j. supaltař puũ j. peĉ
 argenť j. antiq^m murĩ et ij. vel iij. vnĉ argenť si indigeat ad faci
 end bonũ calicē. Iť eid Riĉo opť peĉ argenť j. puã murĩ j. mensa
 opť et opť scabella que vult eligerē Ita q^d Johes Peyton capell
 post obiť p'dēi Riĉi heat oĩia ista p'dict Iť assigno ciđ Riĉo ij.
 acř terř iacentē ap^d Stanewelle bregg vj cocleař argenť j. peluim cũ
 j. lauac^o j. candelabř j. salsař dĩ garnyssh de vas' peutř j. ollã erę
 j. vrcioť j. patellã j. mappã j. manuťgiũ iij. puluinař j. cooptoř j.
 tester j. par lĩth j. doseyn panni camelini j. celo^r cũ iij. redeť
 j. lect de plumis pannũ p nig^a toť et capiĉ. Iť assigno p'dict Johi
 Peyton j. cooptoř j. tester j. par lĩth ij. blanketę j. culcitř opť
 j. peluim cũ j. lauac^o j. candelabrę j. salsař j. mappa j. manuťgiũ
 iij. puluinař j. olla enea j. vrcioť j. zona argenť j. longa et stricť
 theca ligat ferro j. patell xx ti. p iij. annis ad celebrand p aĩa mea
 ad continuand scoť et vj s. viij d. p tempib; vacac p expens vij. vlĩ
 de panno blod p toť et opť furruř et volo q^d illa toť bene et com
 plete fiat de expnsę meis. Iť pannũ p nig^a toť et capicio. Iť
 assigno Sibill Chekyneye suient mee j. cooptoř j. blanket j. par
 lĩth j. par de wollecob j. kembyngstok j. roť j. par de cardę
 j. olla enea j. vrcioť j. patell j. furruř de peť cuniculoꝝ j. pelui
 gcaũ j. candelabř j. theca ligat ferro j. par libraz cũ oĩib; pon

dorib; plūbeis vno excepto videt optio j. camisiā j. flameot j. purpeynt iiij. ston de peioř lana xl s. et pannū p nig^a toğ. Iť assigno Margareť Tompston ſuienť mee j. cooptoř j. blanket j. par linth j. par de wollecumb j. kembyngstok j. roř j. par de cardę j. olla enea j. vrcioř j. pateř j. candelabř j. camis j. flameot iiij. ston de peioř lana xx s. et pannū p nig^a toğ et volo q^d oñia vasa peutr except iřt que pđict Rič Baxster hebit diuidant in pđict Joħni Peyton Sybiřt Chekeyneye Margaret Tompston et q^d oñia alia vten-silia mea que nō specificant in iřt voluntate diuidant in pđēm Ričm Baxsteř Joħm Peynton (*sic*) Sibit et Margareť ſuienť meas. Ita q^d de oñi secta dict^o Ričus p^omo eligat et p^oxio đcus Joħs deinde Sybit et tūc Margareť. Iť assigno Agneť ſuienť mee j. cooptoř ij. blanket ij. par linth xxvj s. viij đ. et pannū de albo russet p tunica et j. camis. Iť Alicie vxori Rogeri Lester j. par pēu de argenť cū j. monili. Iť Amye Irmonger j. magnā archā j. purpeynt et j. par librař pendenť in aula mea et meū max^{im} pond plūbeū. Iť assigno Alič vxori Joħis Tye j. chafoř ita q^d post eius obiť Amya filia ei^o heat id chafoř. Iťm Johi Yoxford de Botlysham xx s. Iťm Thome fit eiusđ Joħis vj s. viij đ. Iť Issabett fit eiusđm Joħis j. cooptoriū j. blanket j. par linth j. par de wollecumb j. roř et j. par de cardę. Iť Margareť fit eiusđ Joħis j. lect competent pannū de albo russet p tunica j. camis et xij s. iiij đ. Iť Johi Tompston Taylor ij. doseyn pāni cameř et pānū p nig^a toğ. Iť Alič vxoř eiusđm Joħis pānū p nig^a toga et j. virid capič. Iť Robto fit eiusđ Joħis vj s. viij đ. Iť Alič vxori Walři Bon opť zona argentat j. cella j. frenū. Iť Alič fit đči Walři Bon vj s. viij đ. et opt^{im} flameot de coton. Iť Wiffmo Stubbard de Wykhambrok j. peč argenť j. mappā vj. cocleař argenť et j. cooptoř lecti de peř cunictoř. Iť Edo fit eiusđ Wiffi iij s. iiij đ. Iť Witto Blood xij s. iiij đ. Iť Kāvine [? uxoř] ei^ođm Wiffi j. lamina ferř opt^{im} collobiū opt^{im} capič et j. loğ candelabř ferř. Iť Alič Watton j. par pēu de aumb. Iť Matild Hurlebatř opť violetř toğ furrař et j. scarlet capič. Iť Agneť Swanton j. ollā eneā. Iť Margareť Blake j. tunič j. camis et j. flameot. Iť Joħne West pānū p nig^a toğ j. camis j. flameot j. bussett frumenť

et j. q^{ar} de bacon. Iť Helene Cobold j. violetť toğ j. camis j. flameoť j. candelabř j. b3 frumenť et j. q^{ar} de bacon. Iť Emme Golle j. collobiũ russeť j. toğ russeť duplicať et j. capiť blodě. Iť Ade Ewell gardian^o fr̃m minoż de Babewell j. nouũ habiť. Iť Johi Tompston fr̃i eiusdm conuent^o j. nouũ habiť. Iť cuift moniali de Cantabriğ xij đ. et priorisse ij s. Iť Wiltmo Wryghte de Qwepstede vj s. viij đ. de bonis que d3 michi. Iť lazare ext^a le Rysbygate iij s. iiij đ. Iť doĩpnio Johi Bon xx s. Iť Rog^o Irby capett vj s. viij đ. Johi Redg^{ae} capett vj s. viij đ. Iť Margareť fiť Godard de Dunstall xij s. iiij đ. Iť Johi Merymowth vj s. viij đ. Iť Nicho Cokerel vj s. viij đ. Iť Stephno fiť Johis Bregge iij s. iiij đ. Iť Helene Kek šuienť Walťi Bon iij s. iiij đ. Iť Ričo Elueden iij s. iiij đ. Iťm Johi P'sely iij s. iiij đ. Iť Johi Rakis iij s. iiij đ. Iť Johi Wollebeter iij s. iiij đ. Iť Johi Baxster j. vaccā. Iť Rog^o Schaldeford j. comb brasij. Iť Witto Goodchep j. comb brasij. Iť Johi Rokker juň j. comb brasij. Iť Robto Fuller j. comb brasij. Iť Matild pryst j. comb brasij. Iť Kaťine Newehawe j. comb brasij. Iť fiť eiusd Kať j. comb brasij. Iť Alano Fuller de Stowe j. comb brasij. Iť Robto Stubbard fuller j. comb brasij. Iť Johi Co fuller j. comb brasij. Iť cuift filiule mee cui nomē est Agnes ij. comb brasij et cuift alťi filioloż meoż non ģnti illud nomē j. comb brasij. Iť Margareť Gemetrye xij đ. Iť Margareť cũ mag^a tibia xij đ. Iť Matild Botř xij đ. et j. comb brasij. Iťm Kaťine Derh^{am} xij đ. Iťm Johanne Thruston xij đ.

[Lib. Osbern, f. 157^b.]

Johes Notyngh^{am} de Bury, grocer.—1437.

IN Dei noĩe Amen. Ego Johes Notyngh^{am} de Bury s̃ci Edi grocer sana mente ac bona memoria existens ap^d Bury p̃dčam xx^{mo} die mense Martij anno dñi Millm^o cccc^{mo}. xxxvij^o. condo testñ meũ in hũc modũ. In pⁱmis lego aĩam meā Deo oĩpotenti be Marie Virgini et oĩb3 s̃cis corp^o q3 meũ ecclesiatic sepultuř. Iťm lego sũmo altari ecc̃ie be Marie viťt p̃dče p dec̃is et oblać meis

oblite seu minime psolute xl s. Iſm lego conuentui de ſcō Edo
 quat̄ marc̄ ad duas pittan̄ inde hēnd vnā ſciſt die ſepultuſ mee
 et alſam p̄mo anniũſario die p me obſeruand. Iſm lego capetto
 poſt dēe ecclie be Marie iij s. iiij d. Iſm lego capetto qui dicit̄
 Seyntemaryprieſt in ead ecclia iij s. iiij d. Iſm lego cuiſt p̄ſbiſo
 p̄me exequijs meis inſeſſenti viij d. Iſm lego cleſ meo poſt viij d.
 et vtriq̄ duoꝝ ſocioꝝ ſuoꝝ iiij d. Iſm lego fribꝫ de Babweſt xxvj s.
 viij d. Et lego fribꝫ p̄dicatoſ de Thetford xx s. Iſm fribꝫ Auguſt de
 eadē villa xij s. iiij d. Iſ lego Johe Bonafaunt moniali de Thetford
 iij s. iiij d. et cuiſt ſoroꝝ ſuaz̄i t̄m xx d. Iſm lego fr̄i meo Henſ
 Notyngham monacho xx s. et zonam meā optimā. Iſm volo q^d vn^o
 capetis ydone^o ſuſtentet^{ur} ad celebrand p aīa mea et aīabꝫ quibꝫ
 teneor in ecclia poſti p̄dic^{ti} p quatuor añn continuos. Iſm lego
 Johe Jerveys filie mee xl. marc̄ in octo añn poſt obitū meū p
 man^o exe^c meoꝝ ſibi ſoluend ſciſt quolt anno t̄mini illi^o v. marc.
 Iſm lego Isabeſt et Johe filiabꝫ p̄dēe Johe filie mee xl marc̄ inſ
 eas equalr diuidend et ſoluend q^{am}cito fūint maritate aut cū ipe
 taſ etate diſcrecois et libtat̄ fūint q^d ipam pecuniam ſciant et
 valeant ſagaci^o appruaſ. Et volo q^d ſi contingat alſam eaz̄dm
 Isabeſt et Johe filiaꝫ Johe obire p̄ticoe dēe pecunie non facta tūc
 ſumma xl marc̄ p̄dcaꝫ eaz̄ alſi ad tēpus ſup^o limitat̄ totalit̄
 pſoluaſ volo tñ q^d ſi ipe ambe filie Johe ante hñioi tēpus
 ſolucois faciend morian^o extūc xl marc̄ ille p meos executores
 diſponant^a p aīa mea in opibꝫ pietate. Iſm volo q^d q^{am}diu Joes
 Jerveys de Bury beneuolus intendens conſulens et auxilians fu^oit
 executoribꝫ meis put decet non inferens nec inferri pcurans eis
 nec eoꝝ alicui iniuriā moleſtiā impedimentū neqꝫ grauamen quin
 meū pſens teſtñ et meā voluntatem fac^o ſeu faciend libe et quiete
 exequi valeant et implere, aceciā tali^o ſe hñit penes Joſiam vxorem
 ſuā put vir honeſt^o et moderat^o vxori ſue fideli honeſte ſe hēre
 tene^o, tamdiu exe^c mei reſpectuabūt eundm Joſhem Jerveys de
 ſoluendo eis illas centū et quadraginta marcas quas ipe michi
 debet. Iſm lego ad constructurā duoꝝ porti^o ad eccliam be
 Marie ſup^adic^{ti} ſciſt in laſe aſtali et capite occid̄ eiũdm faciend

xx libras. Iſm lego ad nouū vestimentū integrū emendū sūmo altari eiusd; ecclie seruiturū xx^{li}. Iſm volo q^d vn^o calix bon^o et vnū vestimentū nouū pquirent^r ad seruiendū altari scī Jacobi in dēa ecclia be Marie. Iſm lego ad adquisiōem noue ymagis scī Johis Bap̄te locande ppe sūmū altař ecclie scī Jacobi dēe ville v marč. Iſm lego ad adquisiōem noui vestimenti ſuituri ecclie pochi de Soh^m x marč. Iſm lego fabrič ecclie de Wyken xls. Iſm lego dño Thome Conysby capellō xx s. et calicē meū, missale meū, psalīū meū, meū albū vestimentū et cetera ornamenta mea p altari. Iſm lego dño Thome Petyte clerīč xx s. Et dño Johi Wodward cler['] xx s. Et dño Johi Petyte cler['] vj s. viij d. Et lego Johi Wyrmegeye xij s. iij d. Et lego Elene Lowene vj s. viij d. Et Margar['] Wellys vj s. viij d. Et Johe Aleyn xij s. iij d. j. spynnyngwhel et j. par carpsaz. Iſm volo q^d die infamenti mei paupes quiq; recreant^r et quilt recreat^o heat vnū den^o. Residuū vō oīm bonoz sup^o nō legat^r do et lego executoř meis inferi^o noīat^r et eoř assign^r ad vendend^r et denarios inde leuat^r disponend; p aīab; mei et dicē Isabell et p aīab; oīm pentū et bnfac^r nřoz ac oīm fideliū defūcē in sustentaciōe p̄sbiōř visitaōe et releuaciōe paupū et alioř pietatē opū put ipi viderint aīab; nřis salubri^o expedire. Hui^o autē testi mei meos constituo executores Thomā Cranewys capellnū Wifm Rycher et Wifm Basse et lego cui^o eoř p suo laboř xl s. In cui^o rei testiōiū huic testō meo sigillū meū apposui. Dať loco die et anno sup^adictē. Omnib; xpī fidelib; ad quoz noticiam p̄sens scriptū puenīit Johes Notyng^m de Bury scī Edī grocer saltm in īm saluatorē. Cum nup feoffau[']im^o Wifm Rycher, Johem Odeham, Wifm Basse, Wifm Ampe, Thomam Hert et Thomā Bienge de Bury p̄dca de et in oīb; terris et teñ meis reddit^o et seruīc cū eoř ptiñ que die dat^o cui^odam carte sup hoc confect^r hui in villa et camp de Bury p̄dca et alibi in com. Suff. ad exequend et pimplend inde meam vltiām voluntatē nou[']itis q^d hec est mea mera voluntas sup disposiciōe terē teñ redd^r et seruīc p̄dcōř facienda p bonam deliberaōem aduisata que subsequit^r videt^r q^d p̄fati feoffati mei infra vnū annū post obitū meū feoffari faciant Johannā Jerveys

filiam meā de toto mesuagio meo quod inhito cū ptiñ suis excepta tota pte mesuag' illi^o cū ptiñ que dicit^r Seynt Roberde quod quidm mes' sūt eē in vico vocat' th Spycerowe in^o teñ conuent^o de scō Edo ex pte orientē et teñ Johis Baret ex pte occid, aceciam de vno mesuag' cū ptiñ sūt in eadē villa in vico vocat' th Pulſy market quod nup fuit Walſi Drawesuerd, necnon de quad g^{ang} cū gardio adiac et alijs ptiñ suis sūt in ead villa in vico voč Lyttelbrakelond vna cū quinq; solidat' quieſ reddit^o exeunt de mes' nup Rogi Fysche Soule sūt in ead villa in vico voč th Ratunrowe hēd et tenend p^odcā duo mesuag' grangia gardiñ et redditū cū oib; et singiis suis ptiñ excepte inde sup^o excepte eidm Johe filie mee ad totā vitā suam Et q^d post decessū ipius Johanne dēi feoffati mei feoffabūt Isabellam et Johannā filias dēe Johe filie mee vna cū oib; at filijs et filiab; eiusd Johe filie mee in^oim līe pcreandis in feodo simplici de et in p^odcis duob; mes' g^{ang} gardio et redditu cū eoꝝ ptiñ ex^r p^o excepte cū ipi filij et filie dēam suā matrē supuiuentes ad līam puen^ount etatē reseruantēs oēs puent^o inde ad comodū et vsū filioꝝ et filiaꝝ. Et volo q^d si nulla ples dēe Johe filie mee ipam Joham supuiuentē ad hāc etatē puenire videat' tūc dēi feoffati vel eoꝝ hered seu assign' dēa duo mes' grang' gardiñ et redditū cū eoꝝ ptiñ vendant et pecuniā inde leuatam pro aīa mea et aīab; amicoꝝ meoꝝ ac oīm fideliū defūct p man^o meoꝝ execut' disponi faciant. Volo tamen q^d si Johes Jerveys vir dēe Johe filie mee eandm Johannam feoffari faciat de et in toto man^oio voč Suttons in Cokefeld et alibi in com̄ Suff. p līmo vite sue tūc p^odcī feoffati mei faciant eundm Johem Jerveys here statū p līmo vite sue de dēis duob; mes' grang' gardio et redditu cū ptiñ suis ex^r p^o ex^r. P^otea volo q^d qñcumq; p^ofatus Johes Jerveys inuen^oit executorib; meis etem securitatē de soluendo eis viginti libras in quatuor annis p^ox sequentē die obit^o mei sciūt quot anno centū solidos ad duos annī līmos qualem ijdū exeč p aduisū sui consilij censerint esse sufficientē et postq^m feoffari fecerūt dēam Joham uxore suā de et in p^odco manē de Suttons cū ptiñ vt sup^odēm est ijdū feoffati here facient eid Johi Jerveys et Johe vxori ei^o cōpetente statū de grang' et gardio meis sūt in occidentali

suburbio ville de Bury ppe viā duč a le Rysbygate vsus Teyuen et eciam de xvj. acř tre et pastuř iač ppe Teyven et ppe hospitale sčī Petri cū ptiñ in villa de Bury pdča tenend et hend in feodo imppetuū. Itm volo q^d qñcumq idm Johes Jerveys inuen^o it eisdm exeč meis consitem securitatē de soluendo sibi quadraginta marcas infra quatuor annos p̄ sequent post festū Pasch iam p̄ venturū scit quōt anno decem marcas incipiendo p^lmam inde solučōem ad festū Pasch p̄ sequens post p̄scriptū fest Pasch tūc ijdm feoffati here faciant eidm Johi Jerveys et hijs quos ipe ad hoc denoia^o it competētem statū de vna peč terre compu^t p viginti acris terř siue plus siue min^o in ipa peč heat cū ptiñ iač ppe Hennoweheheth infra Bury hend sibi in feodo imppetuū. Itm volo q^d Wilms Basse vn^o executoř meoř et feoffat heat meš meū vocat Seynt Roberdis cū suis ptiñ siť in Bury pdča in vico vocat Hatčestrete quod a me nup pquisiuit soluendo p eod meš coexeč suis testī mei viginti libras leg monete Anglie in decem annis p̄ sequent die obit^o mei scit quōt anno xlš. Itm volo q^d Johes Baret heat meš meū siť in Bury pdča in vico voč Raturrowe p sūma quaterviginti et quindecim marcař. Si tamen idm Johes Baret cū dčis executoř meis de imō solū et securitate inde concordare possit. Acť sunt hec ap^d Bury pdict die lune p̄ post festū Ephie dñi A^o dñi Mllo cccc^{mo}xxxix^o Regni vō Regē Henř sexti xvij^o. Eisdem loco die et anno ego p̄fat^o Johes Notyngh^{am} testm meū amplificař ppono hoc modo qui sequit^r. In primis lego Isabelle filie Johis Jerveys vj. cocliar argē j. ciphū murr. j. cooptoriū rub j. p blankette j. p linthiam ij. ollas eñ j. patett eñ j. peluī j. lauacr eñ j. puū cacabū eñ j. vrciolū eñ vj. quissine j. magñ mortař lapide j. tabulā mensalē ij. scabella j. cathedr j. craticlam ferř j. veru ferř j. quartpot de stangno et dī garnisch pev^ovesseft et dī mappā mensalē. Itm lego Johe sorori pdče Isabel vj. cocliar arg j. ciphū murř j. cooptoř cū j. testor de viride et glauč j. p blankette j. p linthiam ij. ollas eñ j. patett eñ j. puū caldrone j. vrciolū j. caldrone maiorē eñ j. veru ferř j. craticlam ferř j. mortař lapid j. peluī j. lauacr eñ vj. quissine j.

mensam curī ij. scabella. j. cathedrē. j. quartpot de stagno et dī garnissh peut^o vessel et dī mappā mensalē. Iām lego Johi Jerveys pileū meū de Brunette et meū portifer. Et lego Johe vxori ej^o oīa lana mea hostiliañ et vtensilia hospici mei ext^o ciph meis argentē et j. par culteñ quoz manubria sunt de cornu vnicornij et j. cista cū oībz cartē et munimentē in ea contentē p^o munimentē que spectant ad terā et teñ sup^o vendiē que tēpore congruo sūt libanda modo debito. Iām lego eid Johe oīa grana focalia ligna et carbones que remanebūt post expensas inde faciend circa inſamentū meū et aī obseruancias fun^oales p me faciend et ext^o ducentē fagotē que distribuent^o paupibz p man^o exeē meoz. Iām lego Thome Byenge meā togam nig^o furraī cū j. capucō. Iām lego Wiltmo Basse meā tog^o ru^o pticā et optimū capiciū meū ru^o. maiorē staterā meā cū balanē et oīa g^ossa pondera mea plūbea et j. puā staterā de ij. lib^o j. p rostyngrakke ferī. j. gospanne ereū. j. potelpot de pevtyr et meū primaī. Iām lego Johi Basse filiolo meo ij. q^ort braš et cui^o fratrū et soroz eiusd Johis iiii. bz braš uel ij s. p eisdm. Iām lego Gilbto Skut xx s. et togā meā de bluett furī et meū pileū de scarlet et pileū meū nig^o. ij. cistas in opella exist et oīes tecas opelle mee. Iām lego Agneti of Park xl s. Iām lego Thome Conysby j. ciphū argentē cū pede. Iām volo q^a Wiltms Basse heat totā ceram meā in domo vocat Seynt Roberdis existenī sciūt quamlt centenā inde ad l s. cui^o ptiñ totale attingit sūmam ducentaz libra^o septē solid et decem denā^o vnde ipe soluet coexecutor suis dī mei tesū quolt anno duranī decem añ amodo px^o sequenī decem et octo libras ad festa Pasch et scī Michis equis porcōibz et vl^oius in anno px^o sequenti post i^opoz decem annoz complement ad festa cōsilia viginti libras vij s. et x d. p^omo Im^o soluē incipiente ad festū Pasch iam p^o ventu^o. Iām volo q^a vn^o capellus ydoneus p^osertim dñs Thomas Conesby capellus heat quolt anno octo marcas durantibz sexdecim annis post obitū meū immediate sequenī ad celebrand in ecclia be Marie p^odca p aīa mea et aīa Isabelle nup vxorē mee ac oīm fideliū

defunctorū si residuū bonorū meorū vlt^a legata et assignamenta mea ad hoc sufficeṛ possit.

Prob. 15 Feb. 1439.

[Lib. Osbern, f. 244^b.]

Robert, Bishop of Emly.—1441.

IN dei noīe Amen. Ego Robtus pmissione Diuina Epūs Imiliceñ sana mente ac bona memoria existē ap^d Bury scī Eđi iurisdicē exemp^t vltio die mense Junij A^o. dñi Mil^lmo cccc^{mo}. xlj^o. condo tesm meū in hūc modū. In p^rmis lego aīam meam deo oīpotenti be Mañ Virgini et oībz scīs corp^o q^o meū ad sepeliend in ecclia fratrū minoꝝ de Babewell. Iť lego sūmo altari ecclie be Marie ville p^rdce p decīs et oblač meis minime psoluť iij s. iiij đ. Iť lego cōuentui de Babewell p^rdicē sex cocliař arğ j. ciphū argenť et ciphū meū de murra minorē. Iťm lego assigno Robto Cok clerico meo meš meū nup Riči Bendeste cū ptiñ suis siť in Bury p^rdca in vico voč Westgatestrete hend sibi hercd et assign suis imppetuū uel saltē decem marč monete de vendicōe eiusđ meš leuand et lego eidm Robto j. matras j. p blanketts j. p linthiañ j. cooptoř de bluette j. p^rpoynt j. off eñ de ij. lağ et j. vrciolū eñ et ij. cocliař argenť Iť lego Wiffo Beton nup serū meo j. matras j. p blanket^o ij. pia linthiañ vnū noū cooptoř et j. cocliař arğ Residuū v^o oīm bonoꝝ meoꝝ cōmitto admīstrať execuť meoꝝ ad vendend recipiend et disponend p aīa mea et aīabz oīm fideł defūcť in pietatē opibz put ipi viderint Deo cōplacere. Hui^o autē tesū mei meos constituo exeč sciť Galfrid Herry de Fornham Andř Grene de Rysby Edmñ Galyon. In cui^o rei testioiū p̄sens sigillū apposui. Dať loco die et a^o. sup^rdicē.

Prob. 2 July, 1441.

[Lib. Osbern, f. 253.]

Alicia Langham of Snaylwell.—1448.

IN Dei noīe Amen. Anno dñi Milimo cccc^{mo} xlvij^o die mensē febr̄ die vicesimo. Ego Alic' Langh^m de Snaylwell cōpos et sane mentē existens in hūc modū meū condo testamentū. In p'mis cōfiendo aīam meā Deo p'ri oīpotenti ei^o q^o miseraçōi corpus q^o meū ad sepeliendū inf^a sçuariū ecçie poch inf^r cui^o limites me mori De^o disposu^oit. Et lego sūmo altari eiusdē ecçie vj s. iiij đ. Iť fabrice et emendaçōi dçe ecçie vj s. iiij đ. Iť lego Edeue filie mee optiam armilausā seu collobiū et vnū panī depictū cū historia Roberti Regis Cesilie. Iťm lego Agneti filie mee mōiali de Swafh^m p'fess duo cooptoria lecto p'tiñ optia vno exempto. Iť ij. par blanketts, ij. par linth de optiē vno ex^{to}, j. donge optimū vno ex^{to}, j. pruce hutehe, j. forcer, vnā peç argenteā cū cooptoř argentea, iiij. coeliař argentea, vnā murrā, j. manuēgiū, j. capiciū nigrū, et viij. març in pecunia si de bonis meis leuare pořint. Iť lego p'orisse de Swafh^m mōialiū iij s. iiij đ. Iťm cuilibt moniali iťm p'fess et nō xij đ. Iťm lego m. Wiffo Hamond vj s. viij đ. Iť lego Hugoni Agnyseye de Chyppenh^m iij s. iiij đ. Iť lego Wiffo Shakespere paupi de Snayleswell xij đ. Iť lego Agnete vx^o dçi Wiffo j. tunicā vt togā secundū auisamentū eē meoz subscriptoz. Iťm lego Margerie Seman famule mee vnā togā optiam vna ex^{ta}. j. cou^olyth, j. p blanketts, j. par linth et j. le frende pellure. Residuū vō oīm bonoz meoz nō legatoz do et lego in manus M. Wiffo Hamond et dñe Agneť mōiat de Swafh^m filie mee licencia sui supioz eē meoz vt ipi inde ordinēt et disponāt p aīa mea et aīabz quibz teneor. Et concedo dētē M. Wiffo et dñe Agneti eē meis p'script plenā potestatē oīm bonoz meoz legatoz in testamento meo p'sentē contentoř augmentandi et diñuendi scđm discreçōem eorūđ put meli^o videbit^r vel expedire Deo placere ac aīe mee pdesse. In cui^o rei testioñ huic p'senti testamento meo sigillū meū apposui. Dat die loco mense et anno dñi sup^odict.

Prob. 22 May, 1451.

[Lib. Baldwin, f. 126^b].

Lady Ela Shardelowe.—1457.

IN Dei noīe Amen. Ego Ela nup relicta Robi Shardelowe militē sane mentis et bone memorie existē ap^d Bury S^ci Edⁱi ij^o. die mens^{is} Novemb^{ris} a^o dⁿⁱ Mⁱ iij^o lvij^o condo tes^{ti}m meū ī hūc mod^o. In p^{re}s lego aīam meā Deo oīpotentē be Marie Virg^{inis} et oībz scīs corp^{or} q^{ui} meū ecclias^{is} sepultu^{re}. I^{tem} lego sūmo al^{ter} be Ma^{ri} ecclie sue de Bury p^{re}dic^ti xij d^{ies}. I^{tem} lego sacrē mon^{ach} s^ci Edm^{undi} ij s^{er}. iij d^{ies}. I^{tem} lego ad repa^{ra} orna^{men}tū in vestibulo ecclie p^{re}dic^ti vj s^{er}. viij d^{ies}. I^{tem} lego fferetro s^ci Edm^{undi} vnū monile aureū cū figura cerui īp^{re}ssa. I^{tem} lego repa^{ra} ornamē^{nt} altare s^ci Martini in ead^{em} ecclia x s^{er}. Et lego d^{omi}no Wiffo Feg^o capell^{ano} ij s^{er}. I^{tem} lego M^{agist}ro Th. Cranew^{ell} x m^{agist}rū vnū psal^{ter}iū et vj. quissinos de blod sagone. Et d^{omi}no Th. Sporle psal^{ter}iū meū vetūm. I^{tem} lego ad dist^{ri}buend inter sacerdotē frat^{er}nitatē s^ci Nichi in Bury vj s^{er}. viij d^{ies}. I^{tem} lego d^{omi}no Ri^{chard} Deye portiforiū meū et volo q^{uod} id Ri^{chard}us heat annuat^{us} du^o quīq^{ue} annis p^{er} meū decessū imediat^{us} sequen^{ter} viij. m^{agist}rū ad celebrand^{um} p^{er} aīa mea et aīabz quibz teneor in ecclia p^{re}dic^ti. I^{tem} lego ad fab^{ri}cam noui campanilis mon^{ach} de Bury c s^{er}. soluend^{um} ad voluntatē exe^{cut} meoz. I^{tem} lego gilde noīis J^{esu} in Bury p^{er} sustentat^{us} capell^{ani} huic s^uienti viij. m^{agist}rū et meū missale. I^{tem} lego ecclie de Cavenh^{am} meū vestiment^{is} feriale cū ij. tuel^{is} et j. parura p^{er} al^{ter} et vnū corpale cū casa et pannos pictos c^{irca} meū altare pendent^{is}. I^{tem} lego ecclie de Berton Togryng vestimētū meū d^{omi}nicalē cū ij. tuel^{is} p^{er} altari et meū op^{er}t corpale cū casa eiusd^{em}. I^{tem} lego ecclie oīm s^{an}c^{to}z de Elmh^{am} vj s^{er}. viij d^{ies}. I^{tem} lego Margarete Loveday cōmoranti cū fr^{atre} suo v m^{agist}rū sibi soluend^{um} in quīq^{ue} anⁿⁱ et to^{tal} meā penulatā cū cropp^{er} de grey. I^{tem} volo q^{uod} Wiffo Loveday heat de boī meis x fi. sibi soluend^{um} post recep^{ti}ōem oīm deī michi debi^{ti} si tamen i^{ps}e interim se b^{on}e gerat et virtuose ac bone conu^{er}sacōi et gub^{er}nacōi adhereat alioquin b^{en}eficō dicti mei legati nullaten^{us} potiat^{ur}. I^{tem} lego filio Robi Cobbe filio meo sp^{irit}uali vj s^{er}. viij d^{ies}. Et filie Johi Loveday filie mee sp^{irit}uali vj s^{er}. viij d^{ies}. Et lego Johi Ede j. par linthia^{men}tū et vj s^{er}. viij d^{ies}. I^{tem} lego Ri^{chard}o Loveday s^uienti meo viij. m^{agist}rū. Et lego Robi Cobbe s^uienti meo iij. m^{agist}rū. Et lego Johne Gellyng

x m^{ar}c̄. Et lego Johi Wyn^t iiii. m^{ar}c̄. I^t volo q^d Agnes Sellyng heat xviii. coclia^r mea arg^g si i^pa velit dare exec^e meis valorem ponder^e eo^rdm in mone^t Ang^l. Et lego eid^m Agneti j. murrā cū coopculo et vnā tabulā pictā stantē sup alta^r meū et vnū vas ereū p aqua bndict^a. I^t lego Anne Smyth vnū monile aureū. Et lego Elizabeth Drury anulū meū minorem cū diamante imp^{ss}a. Et lego gilde s^ce Anne in Bury capiciū meū penulā cū letuse^j. Et volo ac p^{cor} et requiro feoffatos de et in man^oio meo cū ptiⁿ vo^c Davent^e in villis de Chedesh^m, Rumburgh, Wyssete, et alibi in com. Suff. ut totum suū statū inde hitū exhibeant exec^e meis q^amcito requisiti fūint quaten^o i^jdm execu^t mei man^oiū illud vendere possint ac deⁿ de i^pa vendi^coe recipe et in execu^coe p^{mis}so^j et a^t pietat^e opū disponere in expedi^coe^j aⁱe mee et aⁱaz oⁱm fide^{li}ū defunc^t. Et q^j p^{leg}ate sūme pe^c ad manū non hēn^t nec hē^r pot^unt aⁿq^am de debito^rib^j meis seu de vendi^coe p^{dict} man^oi^j recepte sint volo igit^r q^d si quis p aliq^o lega^t meo supⁱus facto meos execu^t vexa^r seu inquieta^r p^{sum}at aⁿq^am illud de bon^e meis sibi valeant rōnabilit^o soluere legatū illud penit^o amittat q^d et residuū boⁿ meo^j supⁱus non lega^t lego et cōmitto admⁱstracōi exec^e meo^j ad ven^d reci^d et dispo^d p salute aⁱe mee et aⁱaz oⁱm fide^{li}ū defunc^t in opib^j caritatiuis p^{ut} i^pi viderint Deo melius complacere et dict^e aⁱab^j celerius expedire. Hui^o autē tes^ti mei meos constituo exec^e Johem Odeh^m draper et Johem Beneyt fit Ade Beneyt et lego vtq^q eo^j p suo labore xxvj s. viij d. Et volo q^d exec^e mei supⁱus noⁱati bona mea disponant cū consensu et auisamento superuiso^j meo^j vide^t Joh Clopton Armig^r et dñi Thome Cranew^e Capeti aut saltem cū consensu eo^j alⁱius. Et insup dep^{cor} p^{fa}t supⁱsores fore meis exec^e intendē^t consulē^t et eos auxiliantes ac p^{te}gentes cont^a eos qui execu^coem p^{mis}so^j impedire seu i^pos execu^t p sua diligencia circa p^{mis}sa faciend^o grauare seu molestare volūnt p^{ut} mea fiducia in eo^j amicia firmi^t radicat^a. In cui^o rei tes^tiōiū huic meo tes^to sigillū &c.

Prob. 16 Nov. 1457.

[Lib. Hawlee, fol. 57.]

John Baret of Bury.—1463.

In the name of Almyghty God, Amen. I, John Baret, of Seynt Edmūdys Bury, of good mynde and memorye, beyng at Seynt Edmūdys Bury the Satyrday next folwyng the feeste of the Natiuite of oure Lady, the yeer of oure Lord Cryst M^ccccc^{lx}ⁱⁱ and iij. make my testement in this wyse: First I be qwethe and cōmytte my soule to oure Lord God Almyghty and to oure Lady Seynt Marie and to alle the Seyntes. And my body to be beryed by the awter of Seynt Martyn, namyd also our Ladyes awter, in Seynt Marye chirche at Bury, vnder the pcloos of the retourne of the candilbeem, be fore the ymage of oure Sauyours, and no stoon to be steryd of my graue, but a pet to be maad vnder the ground sille ther my lady Schardelowe was wont to sitte, the stoolys removyd, and the body put in as neer vndyr my grave as may be wythoute hurt of the seid grave. And I be qwethe vnto the high awter of the seid chyrche, in recompense of my dewtees to holy chyrche not payed dewly, xx s. Iīm I beqwethe to my lord Abbot of Bury a good purs and vj s. and viij d. ther in, and for a tokne of remembrance my bedys of white ambyr with the ring of syluir and ovir gilt longyng therto and my gilt stondyng cuppe, to hym and to his successours after hym. Also I be qwethe to the Prior a good purs and a halpenye of gold ther in, with a dowbiff seel with two prentys hanggyng by a cheyne of syluer. Iīm to Davn John Wulfpet my best powdyr box of syluer and a ferthing of gold. Iīm to Davn John Ixnyng my tablees of ivory with the combe and a peyre spectaclys of syluir and ouyr gylt. Iīm to Davn John Crymplesh^{am} my smale tablys of ivory gravyn with ymages wiche were the pryours hooly John of Bredlyngtone and vj s. viij d. Iīm to Davn Wiltm Boxforde my knyves that I veryd my selfe. Iīm to Davn John Colchestre a peyre of smale bedys of jeet, the pat^l-nost^l of syluyr and ovyr gilt. Iīm I beqwethe to Davn John Ratlysden a peyre bedys of ambyr with a ryng of syluir. Iīm to

Davn John Harlowe and Davn John Attylburgh, eche of hem, a peyre bedys of ambyr. Iſm to eche monk in the place to haue xij ſ. and a petaſce a monges them, eche mā a french loof and a quart wyn. Iſm I beqwethe to eche of my lord abbottē chapleyns a purs of silk and gold and to eche of them xij ſ. ther in. Iſm to eu^y gentylman of my lord abbottē wiche be comyng and goyng as officeres and menyal men longyng to the houshold of my felashippe, eche gentylman a purs of silke and gold and xij ſ. ther in. Iſm to eche yoman of houshold viij ſ. and a peyre bedys of ambyr and jet. And to eche grome and page vj ſ. and peyre bedys of mystill. Iſm I beqwete to Adam Newhawe my girdyl of ledir barryd with siluir with bokyll and pendaunth and my lityll bagge of blakke ledyr with a cheyne and toret of siluyr. If to Raffē Otle sumtyme my man a blak gownne and xx ſ. to the making. And to Robert Otle a blak gownne and xx ſ. to the making. Iſm to John Hert my gyrdyſt with a bokyſt and pendaunth of siluir, *Grace me gouerne* wretyn ther in, and a bagge of grene silk with jemewys of green. Iſm I geue and qwethe to Wiſſm Huſsher iij ſ. iiij ſ. and he to haue his indento^u of his prentished y^e wiche I hadde in kepyng with a quetaunce of his maiſt^r by sythe; and if John Hert and Wiſſm Houſher do seruyce at my interment, I will that they be reuardy^d be syde and alle tho that do seruyce there by the discrecion of my executours. Iſm I beqwethe to the parish preest of Seynt Marie chirche vj ſ. viij ſ. Iſm to Seynt Marie preest a blak gowne and as folwith. If to the parysh clerke; that longith to the warde I dwelle in xij ſ. If I wille that eche preest that be at fyrst dirige and beryng haue iij ſ. and eche of y^e parysshclerke; ij ſ. and eche chyld with a surplys j ſ. Also in leche wyse I will that euery preest that be at my solempne exequies haue a peyre bedys with a litel purs and ther in iij ſ. freris and alle other that hath take the ful ordir of preesthod and eche of the parish prests to haue vj ſ. and eche of the Seynt Marie preestē vj ſ. and the chawntours eche of them vj ſ. Iſm eche colet, dekne, and subdekne, and parish or [ward ?] clerc,

ij d. a psone and eche chyld that hath a surpys a j d. Iſm I wyll that Mais^r Thomas Harlowe sey the sermon at my interment, if he wochesaft, and he to have vj s. viij d. to prey for me. And if he may not do it, be his avyce anothir to be chose at Cambridge to make the sermon and to have y^e seid nobill and alle here coste^z payd fore. Iſ I will no comown dole haue, but on the evyn myn solempne dirige shalbe kept eche pore man and eche pore womã beyng there haue j d. to prey for me, and ij. chyldren j d., to be delyd after the discreçon of my executours, and the same day be forn noñ eche bedred man and womã that can be fowunde within [fol. 96] Bury haue ij d. to prey for my soule. Iſm I wille the presoneris in the Gayle haue o day brede, mete, and drynkke, and eche psone j d., and the kepere to haue ij d. Iſm I wille that eche laseer of man and womã or child within Bury haue ij d. and a loof of brede and halpeny. Iſm I wille haue at myn interment at my diryge and messe v. men clade in blak in wurshippe of Jhus v. woundys and v. wommen clad in whith in wurshippe of oure ladyes fyve joyes, eche of them holdyng a torche of elene vexe, the olover of my place kepe y^e vex y^t lewynt for a stoke to fynde yerly ij. taperis lyght suyche tyme as folwith aftyr in wrytyng. Iſm I wille eche pore man and pore womman clad in blak and white, holdyng y^e vex haue ij d. and here mete. Iſ I wele the ij bellemen haue ij. gownys and be ij. of y^e fyve to holde torches and ij d. and here mete, and y^e Sexteyn of y^e chirche to haue brede and drynkke and xij d. for his rynggyng and his mete. Iſm I wele m^y executours, my kynrede, my frendys, and my s^uaunte haue gownys of blak as many as ben expressyd be name in this my seid wille, and if m^y executours wille adde any moo thereto I graunte hem fulle pover. Iſ I wille y^t on the day of m^y intirment be songge a messe of prikked song at Seynt Marie auter in wurshippe of oure lady at vij. of y^e klokke be the morve or sone aftir, y^t y^e messe of requiem may begynne forthwith whan y^t is doo, to spede the tyme for y^e sarmon, and y^t my kynrede and executours offire at y^e said messe of oure lady ; the wiche messe of oure lady I wille the

Seynt Marie preest kepe in a whith vestement wiche is redy made ageyn y^t tyme, bought and payd fore, with a remembraunce of my armys and my reson therto, *Grace me gouverne*, and I wele haue anothir vestement made of white busteyn and my clot of gold to go y^oto. For what day God fortune y^t I desese y^t day eche wyke in y^e yeer I wille Seynt Marie preest sey or do seye a messe of oure lady at Seynt Marie avter in y^e seyd vestement, and aft^r the gospel to stonde at y^e awter is ende and rehearse John Barettys name opynly, seying *De profundis* for me, for my fader and my mod, and for alle crysten sowlys, and to haue mynde on vs and on Edmond Tabour in his *memento*, and aft^r the seid messe to sey a memorie of *requiem* for vs and for alle cristen sowlys, and y^e seid Seynt Marie preest yeerly to haue a revarde therefore; and if the office of Seynt Marie preest fayle, as God defende, than I wille the parishe preest haue as moche, and to do as y^e seid Seynt Marye preest shulde do accordyng to my wille as is expressid by wourdys y^t folwyn aftyr be wryting; wher vpon I wille y^e seid Seynt Marie preest be gynne on the day of my interment with a messe be note, seying *De profundis* aftir the gospell, rehersyng my name with a memorye of *requiem*, as is rehersid afore, and he to haue y^e same day vj s. viij d. onward for y^t folwyng, y^t tyme twelve monyth another nobill, and so yeerly ij. noblys as folwith in wrytyng, and he to be chargyd with no mo messys be note but the day of my internement and a messe of oure lady eche wykke after withoute note, and to sey *De profundis* after the gospel with my name rehersid, as is seid be fore. If I wille y^t eche man y^t synggit prykked songe on y^e day of my enterment at oure ladyes messe haue ij d. and y^e pleyers at y^e orgenys ij d. and eche child j d. and y^t yei preyid to dyner the same day. If I wille the Alderman, Burgeys, gentilmen, and gentilwommē haue a [fol. 96^b] dyner the same day that I am enterid, with other folkes of wourshippe, preests, and good frendys, and also my tenawunts, to wiche I am moche be holde to do for hem alle, for they haue be to me ryght gentil and good at alle tymes, and therefore I wyl eche of

hem alle haue iiij d. to drynkke whanne they pay her ferme. If such psonys as my executours wylle bydde to dynere be syde I fully cōmytte it vnto there discrecion. If for asmoche as I levyd wele euyn I wyl they haue j now, and that they fayle noon at my dirige ne at mete. If I wille y^t there be wretyn on y^e fore part of iren abowte my graue soone aftyr my disseces these vers, *Sis testis xp'e tumulus non hic manet iste Corpus et ornetur sed sp'us ut memoretur.* And in sum cōuenient place by, the day and the yeer of oure lord of my departyng frō this wourld and the pardon the wiche I purchased to be wreten therew^t. If the bulle and the busshoppees seelys the wiche I get be set in a loker of burde for brekyng of the seelys and curyd ovir aft^r a loker on the syde ageyn the plombe of lede, y^t it may be redde and knowe to exorte the pepill rathere to prey for me. If I yeve and be qwethe x. marks to the peyntyng rerdooos and table at Seynt Marie arter of the story of Magnific^t, that in caas be y^e awter be seet aftir my entent, as is wretyn aftyr. And in the enner part of y^e lowkys w'jnne there be wreten the balladys I made therefore, and the pardon wretē there also, with other thinges wiche I graunte to Seynt Marye preest, his chargees and his rewardys expressyd as folwith aftyr in wrytyng, that here aftyr it may be knowe for an euydence in the seid tabyll there to be fowunde in wrytyng. If I wil that the ymage of oure lady that Robert Pygot peynted be set vp ageyn the peleer next y^e pcloos of Seynt Marie awter with the baas redy therto and a hovel with pleyn sydes comyng down to the baas, and in the myddes of the baas my candylstykke of laten with a pyke to be set afore a tapir I haue assygned vnto y^e v. taperes longgyng to the natyvite gylde wiche stant alofte be fore the aungelys, with chymes to be sette abowte our lady at the peler. If I wille y^t John Elys serche sewrly and owyr se the chymes at Seynt Marie awt^r, and the chymes in y^e stepyll, therto make a newe barell wiche is redy, and to make plvmbys of leed and newe lynes and ropys and alle thing sewr that longith therto, and substancyaly wrought to endure. And I require my executours to

spare for no coste that this be doo, and that they reward so the seid John Elys for his labour that he be plesid and content. If I wille there be made a goodly newe crowne of metal gylte, or ellys wel doo in tymbyr, for the ymage of oure lady in the housyng of y^e rerdoos of Seynt Marie aw^t, and iij. merours of glas to be sette in the myddys of y^e iij. woyte; above my grave, wiche be redy with my other glasys and dyuerse rolles with scripture, as Henry Peyntour can sette hem there they shalle stonde. If I wylle the welle werke afore my place be reparid neve with the drawth and the stoon werk be made sewr. If I wil y^t myn executours, be the avys of Thomas Ide, do make ovyr suych a werke of tymbyr [fol. 97] with iij. postys and a cros as is at Eye, or ellys bettyr, substancyally and wilkeverid to endure, and no grettere coste than nedith, and to considre other charges. If I wil y^t my newe hous with the iij. tūnys of chemeneyis with in the yeer aftir my disses be deseverid and ptyd froom the hefd place vndir this foorme folwyng: I wil the entre w^t the stoon wal be the strete syde longe to y^e neve hous as ferre as the chymeneyis stretchith, and a deseuerance maad of stoon wal ovir the entre, to parte the litil botrie vndir the gresys, to longe to the plour wiche is redy maad; and also deseverid with a walle of tymbyr fro the hefd place be an entre maad out of the spynnyng hous. Ifm to close in a good walle y^e dore y^t is out of y^e plour into y^e spynnyng hous, wiche spynnyng hous I wille eue^r longe to my hefd place and the drawt chambyr above y^e spynnyng hous therto. If I wil that y^e newe prevy hous ovir the synkke be the dore in to the yeerd ward next the Facown wel closid and keverid to serve for the plour and chambir a lofte, and so the seid plour and chambyr a lofte with y^e prevy and the closet a lofte to go evere to gidre hool vndir this forme, as folwith in wryting: that is to seye, I wille my feffees and my attornees put Seynt Marie preest of Seynt Marie chirche in possession of my seid hous with the chemene of ij. tūnys next the facon with the apporten^ance longgyng therto, as is rehersed be fore, as soone after myn interment as may goodly be doo in reue-

rence of God and oure lady, he to haue it to hym and his successours in the seid office for ever, if it can be made sewr be conseyl and with cost of my goods as my executours shal puyde the menys therfore; and as I declare a part onward in this my seid wille after my sympil consceyt; the seid Seynt Marie preest and his successours to haue the seid place with a pençon yeerly be syde, as is expssyd in this wryting, so y^t he pforme and fulfille diuise thinges as is rehersid be fore and as folwith aftyr in wryting, he to prey for my soule at eu^y meel, mete, or sopeer, and yif he gynne gracys and sey *De profundis*, he to reherse my name, John Baret, opynly, that they y^t here it may sey, *God haue mercy on his soule*, wiche greetly may releve me with here devout preysours. If I wil that the seid Seynt Marie preest ne his successours shal not lete to ferme the seid place to no man nor womā, weddyd ne onweddyd, but he and his successours to logge there. Ifm and if Seynt Marie preest of Seynt James chirche wil sey a messe oonys in y^e wykke and aft^r the gospeel to reherse my name opynly with *De profundis* for my soule, he to haue the plour benethe ffre to his awaylle, partyd a tresaunce, and ellys the tothir to do there with as wel as he can, eu^r puydyng y^t he repare the seid place and kepe it drye alofte, and wysly to be ware of feer, that God and oure lady pserue saue it from alle man^o of hurt. If I wil y^t my neve hous with the appvrtenance wiche I haue assigned to the Seynt Marie preest pay yeerly ij d. at my yeerday of rente to my hefd place and to the owneer therof, and no more rente [fol. 97^b] to no man as for that part. And the seid hefd place, or whoo that occupyeth it, to paye the hool rente as hath be paiyd be fore, and to a qwyte the said Seynt Marie preest of the taske Abbott's cope, and alle man^o charges gen^oally at ony [time] askyd by ony man^o of mene. And on a condiçon y^t he that owith my hefd place do this, and diligently and effectually take hede to the seid Seynt Marie preest and to his successours that my will be executyd and pformyd yeerly as I haue assignyd to be do, and also that dewly and yeerly he fynde ij. tapris of vax, oon right ovir my

graue, anothir be fore the ymage of oure lady at the pelir, and bothe taprys to be light o day eche wyke in the yeer suych tyme as the preest seyth messe of oure lady for me, and the same tapris to be light at dirige and messe eche yeer at my yeerday, at wich yeerday I wylle the owener of my place pay eche yeer viij d. to the resurreccion gilde that viij d. taperis may be light at the dirige and messe the same tyme. And this do, the owener of my place to haue my corneff hous in the Cookrowe, and vij s. of rente that y^e petauncere payeth me. Ifm I will y^t Jenete Whitwelle, my nece, haue hir dwellyng in a part of my hefd place terme of hire lyffe, that is to sey:--I will y^t she chese if sche will haue the chambyr y^t she hath loyn in, w^t the drawght chambyr therto, or ellys the chambyr abovyn the kechene, with the drawgth chambyr longyng thereto, with the esement of the prevy longgyng thereto. And I will she haue hire liberte at alle leffull tymes to go in to the chapell to seye hire devocions, in caas be y^t she chese the seid chambyr above the kechene, and if she chese that she to haue the storehous therto to leye in hire stuffe, and so alle y^t severell to hire self terme of hire liff, and she to leve the chambyr she hath loyn in, wich I will and this be doo remayne to y^t hefd place. It' I wille the seid Jenete terme of hire lyff haue hire liberte of fre owth goyng and in comyng at the gate be the strete syde, and as welle at y^e doore be the lane syde at alle lefull tymes, and esement of the kechene to make in hire mete, and esement of the welle in y^e yeerd, and esement of the prevy in the same yeerd. And she to haue a keye of the grete gardeyn gate, to go in whan she wille, and hire suaũth and what ffrende she wille calle to hire, and a place of the gardeyn assigned to hire for herbys and for woode to lye in. And anoon aftir my interment I wille my executours delyue hire certeyne stuffe of ostilment that I be qwethe hire; that is to seye, my grene hanggyd bedde steynynd with my armys therin that hanggith in the chambyr ovir kechene, with the curtyne3, the grene keveryng longgyng therto; another cou^llyte, ij. blanketts, ij. peyre of good

shete, the trampsōn, the costerys of y^t chambyr, and of y^e drawgth chambyr next, tho that be of y^e same soort, a greet pilve and a smal pilve, the fethirbeed is hire owne y^t hire maistresse gaf hire at London, and a basyn and an ever of laten cownterfet therto, and more stuff I haue not occupyed of hers. If I wille she haue a long narevh table of Esterych burde w^t ij. trestelys, j. pleyn boord-clooth, j. shorth washyng towayle, vj. napkyns. If my flat pece enchased [fol. 98] to make with a saltsaler of sylver, the grettere hol basyn of ij. smale basynes, ij. lowe candylstikke; of a sorth, and the rowndde table, terme of hire liff, and aftyr remayne to the owenner of my place. If a chayer, iij. footyd stoolys, iij. of the cushshons in the parlour, and iiij. of the olde grene kusshownes that lyn in hire chambyr, withe the costerys old grene wonostede, withe the grene testir and grene keveryng therto, wiche been hire owne. And I yeve here the selo^r and the steynynd clooth of the Coronaçōn of oure lady, with the clothes of m^y that longe to y^e bedde that she hath loyen in, and the beddyng in the draugh chambyr for hire s^uaunth to lyn in; and a banker of grene and red lying in hire chambyr with the longe chayer; and a stondyng coffre and a long coffre in the drawth chambyr. And as for the prews coffre alwey I wille remayne to my hefd place and iij. of y^e fotyd stolys therto. If I wille that Jenette my nece haue ij. ale stondys, a greet erthin potte y^t was my moderis, vj. trenchowrs, a doseyn plateris, viij. dysshes, and viij. sawsers of old vessell, and a chargeour of the myldel syse. If a potel pot and a quart pot of pew^r, ij. smale spetez, oon of hem for birdes, a droppying panne, j. bras pot, a chetill, a panne, a litell chafour with a beyl and a lyd of laton, a mortar, a trewd, a gredyle, a peyre tongys, and a peyre belwys, a litil ladyll of laton, the boord clothes to the rownd table, ij. stondyng cuppys of erthe the toon keverid, a barell with wergoys, and a botel for wyne. Ifm I receyvyd xx. marke of Isabel Bussy's executours, wiche was the seid Jenette maystresse of London, and y^e seid executours charged me to putte it to noon othir vse, but oonly to hire maryage, of wiche xx. marke I haue

payid to the seid Jenete v. márke, in p^sence of Thomais Drury delyu^oed to the seid Jenete; and so ther remeynyth x. li. wiche I wil she haue, and x. marke of m^y goōds in mony therto such tyme as my executours may contente it with the siluir that they shal receyve for such goods of m^y as shalle be sold. Also I geve and be qwethe to Will^am Baret, sone onto Jeffrey Baret of Cratfeld, my neve, m^y hefd place, othir wyse callyd a mesuage, wiche I dwellyd in, with the gardynes, berne, and duffous that I purchasid therto, except the partys and dyuerse pcellys therof wiche I have assignyd as is expressid in this writyng, and xij s. of white rente wiche Robert Nunstedes place payid yeerly. I be qwethe to the owener of the seid place I dwellyd in the seid rente of xij s. If I wil my executours soone aft^r my decees, be good avys, delyu^oe or do delyu^oe v^{xx} acres and xiiij of lond, in the Westegatefeld a part, and sum in Mekilhornyngiserd, Litolhornyngiserd, and Westele, wiche v^{xx} and xiiij. acrys of lond I wil Will^am Baret haue with the hefd place and white rente above wretyn, to hym and to his eyrys male lawfully be gotyn of his body, beryng yeerly dyuerse charges according to y^e seid wrytyng and vndir diu^ose condy^onyys that he stonde welle and cler in the kyngge; grace, and be gentyl to my executours, and in my wil fulfylling; and he be obstinat or froward I wil he haue noon of all, but that m^y executours set John his brothir, he to haue as Will^am shuld haue, to hym and to his eyr male, and though Will^am rewle h^y to haue it and his yssew male, for defawte of hem I wille y^e seid John meryte next; and for the defawte of eyr male of the seid John, than Robert his brother and his [fol. 98^b] eyrys male to haue it; and for defawte of eyr male of the seid Robert, than Tho^m Baret, brothir to y^e seid John and Robert, to haue it, to hym and to his eyrys male; and for defawte of eyr male of the seid Thomas than wil I John the sone of Robert Baret my neve haue it, to hym and his eyrys male; and for defawte of issew male of the seid John, than to his oldest brother and his issew male; and so fro oon to anothis as longe as ony yssew male be comyn of the said Robert Baret, my neve.

And for defawte of yssew male of the seid Robert than I wil John Baret, sone of old Jeffrey Baret of Cratfield, dwellyng w^t the Abbot of Seynt Benyghtys, haue it, to hym and to his eyres male as longe as they laste. But I wil that in no wyse noon ydiot nor fool occupye the seid goods, but refuse hym and take anothir that is next, [that] the seid name of Baret may contynwe goodly as longe as God wochesaffe. If I yeve and be qwethe to the seid Will^am Baret, and to alle tho that shul succede hym to be occupyers of my hefd place, my lowe chased pece of silvir, with a barnagge in the preente of the botme and with owtyⁿ any cou²til, myn ij. stondyng pecys of silvir chasid with a cou²til to oon of hem, a doseyn of my beste sponys, my ij. salt salers of silvir chased and oon of heem keverid. And my litel salt saler of silver Jenete my nece to haue it terme of hir lif, and aftir to remaigne to the occupyere of my hefd place whoo so occupye for the tyme. If the seid Will^am and thei shal succede hym to have iij. candelstykkes of laton whervpon is wretyn *Grace me governe*, with the clothes in the halle, costers of chambrys, alle the steyned clothes w^t ymages, and othir consceytes longyng to the seid place, with tablys, trestelys, cuppeburd bankers, kusshones, and alle the bankers, except tho I have assigned to othir, with al my napry, sillours, testers, curteynes, and keveryng of beddis, with fethirbedds, trampsownys, pilves, shetys, blankettys, potts of pew², basynes, everys, potts of bras, pannys, pew² vessell, cofferys, and tubbes, wid alle othir ostilmentys gen²ally, except that I have assigned and put in the reule and assigment of my executours as thei aftir here discrecion wil revarde such psonys as I remembre in this my seid wil be name, and if ony other be that thei thynke haue disservyd a reward wich comyth not to my mynde I grawunte hem ful power to do it as though I did my self; providyng alvey that who so eue^r occupye, be it Will^am Baret or ony that shal succede to haue my hefd place, londe, and rente as I have assigned, that thei make an oth and be sworn be fore the Sexteyn of Bury, and also fynde sufficient sewrte bownde be obligacion to my lord of Bury

who so be for the tyme, to y^e Secristeyn, and to the Priour of Dusgylde, the aldirman to be callyd to, and sum thrifty [fol. 99] man of seynt Marie paryssh to be at the selyng, wich obligaçon must be maad at eu^y alyenaçon in a notable sūme that my wil of yeerly chargys as is rehersed in this writyng shall dewly and trewly be kept and pformyd. And for defawte of eyr male of the seid Barettys I wille my seid hefd place, rente, and londe remaygne to the yssew male comyng of Thoñ Drury and Kateryne my nece, with an oth and a sufficient sewrte take be obligaçon as is rehersed afore that the charges shalbe born and payid be hem yeerly accordyng to this my seid wil. And if noon yssew male be neyther of Barettys nor of Druryes, I wille thanne the Sexteyn of Bury and the P^lour of Dusgylde, w^t helpe and avys of the Aldirman with a nothir man of wourshepe of Seynt Marie parysh, make a sale of m^y seid hefd place with alle pcellys, howsyng, lond, and rente, to suych a man as wille bey it to hym and to his eyres male, and no ferthere, he to be sworn and to fynde sufficient sewrte bownde be obligaçon to my lord Abbot of Bury, who so be for the tyme, that he shal yeerly paye or do paye all the pencyowns and borñ all the charges as it is wretyn in this my seid wil, paying therfore xx li. and no more; pvyded eue^r that he be bownde to repaçon; and if he deye with owten yssew male, to be sold to anothir that wille take it vpon hym the same charges and paye xx li. and so fro oon to anothir. And for defawte of yssew male to be alienyd and sold w^t outen ende fre for the sūme of xx^{li} as ofte as it fallith, wiche xx li. I wil as ofte as it is payid be devyded on this p^{tys}; o part to the repaçon of Seynt Marie awter, to the chymes at the same aw^t, and to the chymes in Seynt Marie stepill, and the secunde part to the repaçon of m^y hous Seynt Marie preest shal haue, and to the repaçon of the Cros be fore my place, and to the repaçon of the Risbigate, and to othir werkys that I haue assignyd to be maad in diu^{se} places. And if there nede ony more helpe to the seid werkes, than take sūme of the thridde part of xx li. and ellys to be

disposid in other almesse deeds as may be most to the pleeser of Almighty God. Ifm I wil in alle maters rehersed before with other folwyng that m̃y executours comowñ w^t Will^am Jeney, if he vowchesauf, w^t a wys of Heydon, and to yonge Thomas Heigh^am, to wich psonys I haue spoke to in the seid matere. And if thei wil consente I wolde the londe, howsyng, and rente shulde reste in xij. or xvj. feffees handys, that if my wil be nat devly executyd in eche part, they to haue pover to distreyne, whervpon I wil my executours take here avys and be here counseyll and such other as they wil calle to hem to examyne alle the seid materis, vndirstonde and comowne alle the dowytyng and peilyng therof, and be there awysem^t [fol. 99^b] and discrecion to fynde remedyes and weyes as by there wittes may be fowunde moost sewr in the lawe ppetuelly to endure. And the seid Will^am Jeney, Heydon, and yong Thomas Heigh^am to be rewardid be m̃y executours in such wyse that they holde hem plesid. And so alle thinges to be ingrosed vp by ther avys that noon interrupcion falle aftir to hurte any part of my seid wil. These been the charges that I, Will^am Baret, or John Baret, or ony that shal succede hem to occupye my hefd place with the pcellys therto, shal yeerly kepe my yeerday, and with avys of the parysh preest, p^lour of Dusgylde, and Seynt Marie preest to purveye v othir preests to hem, so there be viij. preests in all, they to kepe a dirige be noote and a messe of Requiem be note, and aftir the messe the parysh preest, p^lour of Dusgylde, and Seynt Marie preest, eche of hem to haue vj d. and eche of the tothir v preests iiij d., and ech parish clerc ij d. : this mony not to be delyuerid to noon of hem tyl the messe of Requiem be endyd. Ifm the seid preests to haue j d. ob. to offre at the messe, and the occupyere of my hefd place to prey the aldyrman with a nothir wurshipfulman with other to offre j d., and the aldirman dye of Candilmesse gylde ob., and the aldirman of Bury to haue a galon of wyn the same day yeerly for a remembraunce to se my wil executyd. If I wil that aftir the dirige yeerly ij s. be spent in breed and ale in my hefd place to do y^e pepil and preestys drynke.

Iſm I wil whan the messe is do on my yeerday as moche ferthyng white breed as comyth to iiij s. ij d. be delyd to poore folke apart to hem that be redy to take it stondyng in the strete abowte my place, and a part to bedrefolke, and a part to the p̄sowner and to the laserys at the Risbygate. Iſm I wil yeerly be payd viij d. for viij. tapers stondyng at the grawe of resurrecōn gylde that they be lyght eche yeer at my dirige and messe. Iſm I wil that the belle meen haue iiij d. to go yeerly abowte the town at my yeerday for my soule and for my faderis and my modrys. Iſm I wil that the Sexteyn of Seynt Marie chirche haue att my yeerday xij d. so he ryngē wil and fynde breed and ale to his f̄elashippe, and eche yeer what tyme my yeerday fallyth that at twelve of the klokke at noon next be forn my dirige he do the chymes smythe *Requiem eternam*, and so to contynwe sevene nyght aftir tyl the Vtas of my yeerday be passyd, and euē al lenton *Requiem eternam*, and in lykvyse such day as God disposith for me to passe I wil the seid chymes smyth forthwith *Requiem eternam*, and so day and nyth to cōtynwe with the same song tyl my xxx^{ti} day be past for me and for my freends that holpe therto with ony goods of here. Iſm I wil yeve and be qwethe yeerly to the Sexteyn of Seynt Marie chirche viij s. to kepe the klokke, take hede to the chymes, wynde vp the peys and the plummys as ofte as nede is, so that the seid chymes fayle not to goo thourgh the defawte of the seid sexteyn who so [fol. 100] be for the tyme, and yif he wil not take it vpon hym the owner of my hefd place, the parysh preest, and the Seynt Marie preest to chese oon of the parysh, such as wyl do it for the same money, tyl such a sexteyn be in the office that wil vndyrtake to do it and to cōtynwe, for I wolde the sexteyn hadde it be fore a nothir, for his wagys be but smale, so he wil vndirtake to do it and not fayle. Iſm I wil that the Seynt Marie preest haue yeerly x s., who so euer be for the tyme, he to sey or do seye a messe of oure lady o day in the wyke thourgh out the yeer on such a day as God disposith for me to dissesē; and to sey *De profundis* for me, for my fadir

and modir, with other thinges as is expressid be fore in wrytyng in what foorme it shalbe do. Iſm I wil the seid Seynt Marie preest and his successours haue yeerly iij s. iiij d. delyu²yd to hym by the owener of my hefd place to the repaçon of the chymes as wel tho that been in Seynt Marie stepill as tho that been at Seynt Marie aw²; and if there nede no repaçon to neyther of the seid chymes thanne the seid Marie preest to haue the seyde iij s. iiij d. to the avmentaçon of his lifloode, but as ofte as repaçon nedith to eyther of the seid chymes, I wil the seid iij s. iiij d. go therto, or part therof as the case requireth, and if grettere cost be doo the seid Seynt Marie preest paye more, and if grettere nede be, who so euere be occupyere of my hefd place to be contributarye therto what so eue^r it coste, for my wil is that the chymes shal neuer fayle for defawte of helpe, though certeyn lond of m^y be bowunde or assigned outh therfore be my executours bothe for y^t and the sexteyn vagys be the syde the bonde of them that shall be occupyers of myn lond and my place to fulfille my wil, as is be fore wretyn. And I wil that the berere of the paxbrede longyng to Seynt Marye aw², who so be for the tyme, haue yeerly viij d. so he take hede to kepe my grave clene, the chymes, and Seynt Marie awter, to wynde vp the plvme of led as ofte as nedith and to do the chymes goo at y^e sacry of the messe of Jhū, at the sacry of Seynt Marie messe on the Sunday, and in lik wyse at the sacry of oure ladyes messe y^t Seynt Marie preest seye or do seye for me and for my fadir and modir o day in the wyke, as is rehersid afore to be doo, and the seid chymes to goo also at the avees, at the complyn eche Satirday, Sunday, and hooly day thourgh out the yeer; and if the seid Seynt Marie preest or berere of the paxbrede be not p^rsent, or do not the chymes goo hem self, thanne they to make attorne and to speke to sūme p^rsone to do it for the tyme for hem. And Seynt Marie preest to haue a keye of my cost of the vys dore goyng vp to the candilbem, the same keye to be leyd in an almarge with other longyng to the chymes as many keyes as pteyne to the seid werke, that the berere of the paxbrede may

come therto with a key assignyd and delyu^yyd hym of the almerye where the seid keyes [fol. 100^b] shal lyn in. Iſm I wil the seid Will^am Baret and alle tho that shal succede hym paye yeerly to the sexteyn of the monasterye of Bury, who so be for the tyme, iij s. iiij d. for a sangrede, that my soule, my fadrys and modrys sowlys, and my frendys, may be preyd fore in the pulpet on the Sunday, and the parysh preest to do as moche as a sangrede requerith. Iſm I wille my lord abbot of Bury, who so be for the tyme, haue yeerly at my yeerday, or ellys at his next comyng to Bury aft^r my yeerday, a galon of rede wyn and ellys xij d. therfor at his owne choys, to be good lord and se that my wille be executyd trewly. Iſ who so eu^y be pⁱour of Bury to haue at my yeerday a galown of rede wyn, to take hede and se that my wille be p^rformyd, and yif he wille haue no wyn xij d. therfore. Iſm I wille that the Sexteyn of the Monasterye of Bury, who so be for the tyme, haue yeerly at my yeerday a galon of rede wyn or ellys xij d., to chese of bothe, to take hede that for alle these charges rehersed in this wryting he take sufficient sewrte of the ownener of my place, as is rehersyd afore. Iſm I yeve and beqwethe and wil that yeerly at the purificaçõ of oure lady callyd candilmesse gilde that the brethryn haue a galon wyn rede, or viij d. therfore, at ther dyner or drynkyng such as they arn vsyd to make, and the Aldirman and dye of the same gilde offre at the messe on my yeerday and to reseyve an oð of m^y ownener of my place fore here offryng, and for the Aldirman of Bury to reseyve j d. for hym and a thrifty man of the parysh, the preests j d. oð and the owner of my place j d.—iiij d. in all. Iſm I wil that the priour of dusgylde, who so be for the tyme, haue yeerly at my yeerday a rewle be syde with the parish preest and Seynt Marie preest to do here part at m^y yeerday and to take hede and calle vpon that these charges above wretyn be yeerly payid and executyd. Iſm I wil that the good men of Seynt Marie parysh chosen be the Aldirman, Seynt Marie preest, and the owner of my place, as is for rehersid, haue yeerly iiij d. to a pot of wyn to helpe speke and to se that alle these

charges abowe wretyn be dewly and trewly eche yeer pformyd, and that he offre at my yeerday with the Aldirman and the owner of my place: the hoole sūme of alle these pcellys of chargys abowe wretyn comyth but to evene yearly xliij s. iiij d. and viij d. more to resurrecōn gilde, wiche sūme the v^{xx}. and xiiij. acrys of lond, an acre lete for xij d. wil a quyte and bere out alle charges, and lx s. cleer yearly comyng to hym that shal haue the lond for his labour, and thanne the howsyng, rente and othir londs that is gove and grawntyd to helpe to the seid yearly charges be syde. Iſm there is vij. acres lond lying by the hiſh weye toward the grendyll, not ferre from Herdwyk, wich vij. acres liſh in ij. pecys, the endys abbuttyng to ward the sexteyn's medwe, wiche lond my fadir gaf to my sustyr Alis Whitwelle and to the issew comyng of hire, and for defawte of issew the seid lond to remayne to me infysympill, wiche lond Katerine and Jenete my necys be in possession and here eyres comyng of hem [fol. 101] must succede. And if noon issew be of Katerine nor Jenete, thanne the seid lond to remeyne to me and m̄ eyres in fysympil, as is expressid in my fadrys wil, wiche vij. acres of lond I yeve and be qwethe my righ therof to Will^am Baret and to hem that shal succede hym suche as shalbe ownerys of my hefd place, who so be for the tyme, as is wretyn and expressyd in diuerse place; in m̄ seid wil. It' I yeve and be qwethe to m̄ seid hefd place, and to hem that shal occupyen it, m̄ voyd grownd with oute the Westegate, where as my berne and duffhous sūtyme stood, to helpe to the charges yearly above seid, eue^r to remeyne to m̄ hefd place. Iſm I yeve and assigne to m̄ hefd place and to alle the occupyers therof, and specially Will^am Baret to be gynne with, my gardeyn with the long tylid hous, fysympil grownd, in punchyslane, except a part of the gardeyn wiche I assigne to the hert of the hop, and whan the place of the hert of the hop is soold I wil m̄ ffeffes and executours, so it hurte not the sale, reserve the gardyn that it may longe to the longe tyled hous, as it did of old tyme, for it longith not to the same place of the hert, wiche I put in the discrecōn of m̄ exe-

cutours. Ifm I grawnte and assigne to Will^m Baret, or to hem shalle occupye my hefd place, the yeers that I haue vndir the coventys seel, payng yeerly iij s. iiij d. to the Sexteyn, for a tenement in punchyslane w^t a gardeyn therto, except the halle, the ij. chambrys with the soler above in the ende of the halle toward my gardeyn, and a part of the gardeyn with the prevy, wiche part of the gardeyn I put in discrecion of my executours to assigne to be leyd out, to this entent I wil that Jone Crattefeld, othir wyse callyd Jone Baret, my nece, doughtir to Will^m Baret, my brothir, of Cratfeld, that she haue the seid halle, chambrys, prevy, and the pcelle of gardeyn vme of lyf, and the seid Will^m Baret, or he shal occupye my hefd place, to paye yeerly to my seid nece Jone Baret x s. yeerly terme of hire lif, and he that payith that pencon to haue the wayl y^t comyth ovir of that part and of fysympil ground therto of the long tylid hous and gardeyn. And in caas be the seid Jone Baret my nece kepe hire sool vnmaryed, because she is agyd, and wil not holde hire content with this, I wil thanne she haue terme of hire lif hir dwellyng and hire chambyr in my hefd place, that is to seye in the chambyr next the welle with a dore openyng in to the lane, with esement of the prevy be syde, and esement in leeffull tyme to make hire mete in the chymeny and to warme hire by w^jnne y^e kechene, and to haue a part of the gardeyn with fre in-comyng and out-goynge, to sette herbis and to fetcche hem whan nede is, esement to the welle to drawe watyr as is necessarie. And if the seid Will^m Baret or who so be occupyere of my hefd place wil fynde the seid Jone Baret my nece mete and drynk, clothyng and beddyng, hosyn and shoes, terme of hire life, and kepe hire stille in the seid hefd place [fol. 101^b] paying here yeerly a pencyon of iij s. iiij d. thanne I wil the pencyon of x s. aforseyd be not payid and to hire comfort. If I wil she haue x. marcs that I hadde of here brethren and certeyn obligacyonys of othir x. marcs that Jeffrey Baret and Robert Baret owyn to me for hire by a composicion and accord maad a twix hem and me for a yeerly pencyon of xx s. wiche that the seid Jeffrey and Robert shulde a

payed to the seid Jone her sustir terme of hire lyf accordyng to here fadrys wil, to whom I was executour vnto, for wiche penceyon they agreyd to paye xx. marč, wherof I receyvyd the seid x. marč aforseyd saf x s., wiche I pardowne, and so they owe cleer x. marč vpon the obligacons, wich x. marč I cōmytte to m̃y executours and graunte hem m̃y pover to forgeve the seid Jeffrey and Robert of the seid x. marč xxvj s. viij d. and sumwhat more, if they fynde aways for the seid Jonete m̃y nece and hire sustir may be made sewr of hire levving t̃me of lyf. And if the seid Will^m Baret, or who that be occupyere of my hefd place, wyl fynde the seid Jone mete and drynk, clothyng, with other thinges rehersid be fore and longyng in the s̃ hefd place, or in the hous in punchyslane, t̃me of hire lyf, they to haue, who so be for the tyme, the seid x. marč with the residue of the mony that is owyng as m̃y executours wil sette it, and this do with iij s. iiij d. yeerly to hire, they to haue the seid sūme afore rehersyd be fore ony othir. And if they refuse it, anothir to haue it that wil take vpon hym the seid charge, a discreet and good man, to haue the reule of hire and that longyth to hire, for she can not aldirbest helpe herself, and therfore I tendyr here the more, and I prey my executours and freendys to do the same. Ĩm I yeve and qwethe to the seid Jone Baret, my nece, ij. sponys of silvir, a long grene coors of silke harneysid with silvir, and my steynyd cloth w^t vij. agys, and a competent bed with ij. peyre shetys and al othir shetys and stuffe longyng to a bed, such as my executours wil assigne and delyue^r accordyng to here degre, and othir stuff of housshould as they thinkke necessarye for hire. And after that a rewle to be set for hire wher vpoñ she shal reste and abyde. Ĩm I yeve and be qwethe to the seid Jone my nece a lityl grene coffre for kerchys, stondyng in my stodye, and a nothir coffre stondyng in my chambyr at Elmyswelle, and if there be ony other stuff cōuenyent for hire I grawunte my executours ful pover to do to hire as ther discrecyon wyl serve hem to doo, pvydyng alwey that she be made sewr of hire levving. Ĩm I wyll and grawunte to Jenete Whitwelle, my nece, terme of

hire lyf, my place w^t the porten^ance wich [fol. 102] I bough^t of John Notyngh^am, where as Thomas Watton dwellyth and John Sadeler, she to paye the rente and repare it. And after disseses I wil it remayngne to Will^am Baret, or to the occupyere of my hefd place, who so be for the tyme, and to eyr malys, vndir the same condiçon as my hefd place, lond, and rente with other pcellys be syde is assignyd and expressid in writyng be fore to bere diuise charges; but I wyl Jenete, my nece, haue terme of lif the seid place, wiche is lete for lxiiij s. be yeer and but ij d. of rente to the Petaunseer. If I wil and graunte to the seid Jenete Whitwelle my yeeris that I haue be copy in the medwe at Babwelle terme of hire lyff, and she or ony othir that shall occupye the seid good I haue assigned to hire afore, ho so be for the tyme, to paye yearly to my lord abbot of Bury vj s. viij d. for the ferme, and in lykwyse to rewarde my man and my child with wiche clothes and garnementys as I haue be syde, except iij. of my beste gownys, wiche I wil Will^am Baret or he that shal occupye my hefd place haue for a remembraunce to thinke vpon me; and if my executours wil rewarde Jeffrey Baret and Robert Baret, or ony othir psone, with ony array or stuff of m^y longyng to my body, I graunte hem ful power and cōmytte it to there discreçyon. If I yeve and qwethe to Johⁿ Aleyn my chyld my beste hors with sadil and brydil, with alle the beste harneys for oon hors longyng therto, a peyre bootys and sporys, a coulyte, and a peyre shetys with blanket^e therto, and vj s. viij d. If he wil be a preest or a prentys to a craft I wil my executours helpe hym therto with my good^e, and there is a tester with ij. coster^e smale palyd of bukram blew and bett^o blew, with an ymage of oure lady in gold papyr, that I vsed to trusse with me, I wil he haue hem and the selour longyng therto. If I wil my executours rewarde hym and m^y man also with other stuff that longith to m^y body, and my man a testir of reed and greene. If I to John Helyngton a blak gowune, a pilwe, and ij. shertys with xx d. If I wil that my houshold be kept hool to gedyr with alle m^y meyne, yif it lyke hem to contynwe so longe, vj. hool wykkys

affir mȳ dissees, and at the brekyng vp I wil myñ executours and
 they haue a good dyner to gedyr, to wiche dyner I wil they calle to
 v. pore men and v. pore women, such as dwelle nexte mȳ place,
 and eche of hem to haue j d. and ther mete; and if any bedrede
 man or woman ly by to be oon of the nowmbre servyd a lyche.
 Iñm I yeve and be qwethe on to the gilde of the tⁿslacōn of Seynt
 Nicholas, othir wyse callyd Dugilde, where inne I was a brothir,
 xiiij s. iiij d. Iñm to the frerys of Babwelle eche frere to haue vj d.
 and to the relef and repaçon of the seid place x s. Iñ to frere
 Thomas Lakenham iiij s. iiij d. Iñm to Maist Osberne freñ of Clare
 iiij s. iiij d. Iñm to the nūnys of Thetford, eche nunne vj d. and to
 the releef and comfort of the place x s. Iñm to the nūnys of
 Campesey, eche nunne vj d., the p^louresse xij d. and Dame Jone
 Stoonys iiij s. iiij d. and mȳ book of ynglych and latyn with diuerse
 maters of good exortaçons, wretyn in papir and closed [fol. 102^b] with
 pchemȳ. Iñm to the frerys of Thetford, eche hous iiij s. iiij d. Iñm
 to eche godsone that I haue xx d. Iñm to Jeffrey Baret mȳ neve,
 of Cratfelde, my siluyr harneysyd baselard. Iñm to Thomas Baret
 his sone, my maseer with a beend and a foot of siluir and ovir gilt.
 Iñm to sere John Cleye my cosyn, and preest with my maist^r
 Prisote, my boke with the sege of Thebes in englysh. Iñm to my
 lady Walgrave my muske bal of gold with ple and lace, and a litil
 peyre of bedys of silvir of x. and with a knoppe of gold with ple,
 a rowund ryng of the kyngē silvir. Iñm I yeve and be qwethe to
 Seynt Edmond and his schryne my hevy peys noble, wich weyeth
 xx s. and my best herte of gold with aungellys and a ruby with iiij.
 labellys of white innamyl, the seid noble and the seid broche herte
 of gold to be hange, naylyd, and festnyd vpon the shryne oñ my
 coste by the avys of mȳ executours wher they and the flētrerys
 thynke and fynde a place moost convenient, to the wourshippe of
 God and Seynt Edmūd. Iñm I yeve and beqwethe to Robert
 Basset, clerc of the Weyhous at London, my best broche next
 that, an herte of gold iñnamelyd, w^t my serpentȳ knyves. Iñm
 to Elisabet Drury, my wyf, a ryng of gold with an ymage of

the Trinite. Iſm to Anne Smyth a ryng of gold with bolyonys. Itm, to Thomas Heigh^m the yonger my tablys of ivory, with ymages grave and ymages of gold, with a blak caas thereto. And if he wil not occupye hem I beqwethe the seid tablees to my mastrees, his wyf, for a tookne to remembre hire husbond, and calle vpon hym to do his part in alle thinges longyng to my testement and wille. Iſm I yeve and beqwethe to my maistresse Clopton a spoon of berell harneysyd and garnysshed with silvir and ovir gilt. Iſm to my lady Pool dwellyng at Bermondysseye a spoon of berel, and to my mas^r Grene anothir spoon of bereel lych to the tothir, saf they be not garnysshed. Iſm I yeve and beqwethe to dame Margarete Spurdaunce, of Norwiche, my crucifix, wiche is in my white chambyr; and the selor of cloth on loffte, with the valaunce of scripture abowte the ymage, be nat remevyd ne had away; and I wil there be maad oñ my cost such anothir crucifix, to be set vp in the white chambir ther the tothir crucifix was. Iſm I yeve and beqwethe to the seid Dame Margarete a doubyl ryng departyd of gold, with a ruby and a turkeys, with a scripture wretȳ with jñne, for a remembraunce of oold love vertuously set at alle tymes to the pleseer of God. Iſm I yeve and beqwethe to the seid Dame Margarete a peyre of bedys with pater ñris of gold, and oñ eche syde of the pat^rñris a bede of coral, and the Aue Maryes of colour aftir marbil with a knoppe, othir wyse callyd a tufft, of blak sylke, and ther in a litil nowche of gold, with smal perle and stoonys, be sekynge the seid Dame Margarete to prey for me, and that she wil vowchesaf if hire doughtir leve longere, than she to have the said bedys aftir hire dissees. [fol. 103] Iſm I yeve and beqwete to Dame Julian Lampet, ancesse of Carrowe, xx d. Iſm to Richard Fest of Bury my beedys of jeet, with ij. pat^rñris of crystal, and a ryng with a stoon hangyng on the lace, for remembraunce of old good felashipp. Iſm I yeve and beqwethe to my neve Thomas Drury my best purs of silke and gold, and xx li. to put ther jñne, such tyme as mony may be reysid of goods as shal be sold of m^y, and wil he

be servyd apart with the fyrst, of verray love. Iſm the seid Thomas to haue my best ryng of gold next m̃y signet, therin is wretyn *Grace me governe* with letteris of J and B, accordyng to my name, inammelid, and a byl, the beste he wil chese of ij. that stonde in my parlo^r. Iſm I wil and qwetlie to my nece Katerine his wiff, for a tookne of remembraunce, a gold ryng, wretyn with jnne the gold ryng, *In noi'e Jh'u signo me signo tab.*, and oon of my flat chased pecys w^t a kevvr. Iſm to Anne, the doughtir of the said Thomas Drury, oon of my lowe chased pecys lik to that hire moodir Katerine m̃y nece shal haue, and a litil fetirlok of gold with a lace of perle and smal bedys therto of blak, and a lityll ryng of gold w^t an emerowde and a ruby. If I yeve and beqwethe to John Drury, sone oñ to the seid Thomas and Katerine, oon of my lowe chased pecys and an nowche of gold, w^t an amatyst and a saffer w^t peerlys hangyng by. Iſm I geve and beqwethe to Will^m Clopton, sone to John Clopton, my best gypcer, w^t iij. bagges, the jemews and the rynges of sylvir, therin wretyn *Grace me governe*, for a tookne he vowchesaf in tyme comyng to shewe his good maistershepe to my wil, as is here expressyd, that it be executyd. Iſm I wil, with the avys take of such meen as my executours wil calle to hem, that the Rysbygate, wich is moost roynows of the town, be amendid and maad of my coost with fre stoon and bryk, archyd and enbatelyd, substancyally to endure, and a twyx the batilment and the arche in the myddys I wil haue an ymage of oure lady, sittingyng or stondyng, in an howsyng of free stoon, and remembraunce of me besyde, on this condiçõn, so ther be good inow to pfoorme othir thinges and to content and paye my dettys, wiche afore alle thinges I wil in especyall be tendryd, as God may be plesid and my soule esyd; and that the sydes of the old gate stonde stille, for they be sufficient to stonde and here suyche anewe werk oon lofte; God for-bede and they be steryd for summe mygth fortune to make avers fundaçõn than that is. And if my executours thynkke that brykke be not sufficient to endure, lete it be maad with calyõn and moorter, but and the

brykke be sewr and good it wille be more comounly welle wrought, wiche I put in the discrecion of my executours, and that they take avys of Symkyn Clerc, mason, of this; thus and in caas be [fol. 103^b] mȳ good wil stretche so fre ferre to do it as is wretyn, and ellys to doo lesser cost. Iȳm I yeve and be qwethe my signet of gold, with a pellican and my armys grave ther in, to Will^am Baret, to his cyris and to hem that shal be occupyers of my hefd place for the tyme. Iȳm I wil that there be fowunde with my good a priest a yeer to synge in seynt Marie chirche for the soulys whoos bodyes I haue causyd to lese sylvir in ony vyse in my lyve at ony tyme, and for alle the soulys of alle the psonys, man, womā, or chyld gen^oally that eve^o I medlyd with, or hadde of ony silvir or good, litil or mekyl, or delyu^oyd be ony mene in her namys or for hem to me be ony psone or psonys, as wel hem that cam nought to my mynde as tho that haue or shal come to mȳ mynde at ony tyme, that God for his mercy they ner I bere nevir no peel, neythir for the geving ne for the reseyyvyng for ony matyr that eue^o I hadde to do with fro the beyynnyng of the wourld in to my deth, preying Almyghty God that they haue part of euery good dede I haue do, or shal be do my lyve, or shall be do aftir my disseses for me in messis syngyng, almesse gevyng, or ony good dede doyng, that they have part therof as wil as my self in relevyng and comfort of here soulys and mȳ. Iȳm I will haue oo yeer a preest to syngeat seynt Marie awter w^t my good for Edmūd Tabowrē sowle, and for my soule, and specially for Edmūd Tabowrē sowle, and Annes soule his wyf, and for alle oure good doers. And if ony mony or stuff be fowunde with me of the seid Edmūd Tabowrē, I wil a preest be fownde ther with o yeer to synge at Redgrave chirche for the seid Edmūd and his wiff and here freendys, and if ony come ovir to dispose it in dedys of charite and almesse. Iȳm I yeve and be qwethe to the sustentacon of Jhc messe xiiij s. iiij d. Iȳm I wil if ther be maad an ele ther the vestry is, on the south syde of the chaunsell, as is on the tothir syde, that thanne mȳ executours to do remeve seynt Marie awter just to the

wal on the south syde where as Marie Mawdelyn stondith, and that ymage to be set just ageyn the peleer there I was wont to sitte, his (*sic*) visage toward the Savyour. And if that place be not metc, to sette here ageyn the bowtell there hire light stant, and to haue the seid light abowte hire; and if the seid ele be made and pformyd I wil that in no wyse my kynrede, ne my executours, suffir neyther awtir, reddos, ne arche of the wyndowe to be steryd, but the glas and the foorme of stoon that longith vnto the same wyndowe, be wyse of good masonys, clene to be savyd and take outh, and the arche to stonde stille with alle the werk of the aungellys on lofte wiche I haue do maad for a remembraunce of me and my frendys, and nevir to put the paryssh to no cost. And wher as the glas stondith now, that place to be opyn and stonde woyde, that men may se throught out the chirche into the neve ele, and my stool at the graves ende with the deske and pcloos by to be awoydid, and the ground maad as lowe as the chirche floor streight by the grave to the awter, wher I wil my executours do make a substanciall and a sqwar dore of free stoon, [fol. 104] and if nede be to reyse vp the rerdoos a foote or ij. heygher, and to sette the ymage of oure lady in the myddes of the awter alofte and an aungell on eche syde, and Martyn and Vincent be syde, and that the dore may bere the bem there the iij. kynges be, and the Jesse set vnder our lady with the virgenys afore hire. And the seid dore to be maad as large of wydnesse as may be fro the ende of the awter whan it is remevvyd as wil streche to the syde of the savyo^r. And if the parysh lyke to go pcessyon thourgh the north ele, and so forth before the hy^h awter, that thanne they may kepe here coors thourgh the same dore in to the chirche ageyn, and to lowe y^e grownd that the dore may be of a resonnable heyghte that they may passe with the cros in goodly wyse. And that my executours, ne there executours aftir hem, ne the owner of my hefd place, ho so be for the tyme, that they nevir suffre no werk maad abowte seynt Marie awt^r, tabyll, rerdos, ne retourne of the candilbem, grave, ymage, aungelys, chymes, ne

selour, to be remeyvd fro the place they stonde on, contrarye ageyñ my wil rehersyd before, but that our Lord and our Lady and Seynt Martyn with Seynt Vyncent and Marie Mawdelyn may be wourshepid there as of longe contynwaunce out of tyme of mynde hath be vsyd; and if ony wil laboure the contrarye, to calle comfort and helpe of the lordshippe the aldirmā, with othir of the most notable and wourshippfull men of Seynt Marie paryssh, with weel avysid men callyd to of the town. Iēm I wil that myñ executours whoos namys been expressyd in wretyn in a bylle of pchemyñ and also asselyd with my owune seel of silvir, therin a egle with scripture, wiche bille is closed and annexid to the same rolle in the gynnyng, that my executours as soone as they can and may goodly forth with affir my disses, withoute ony delay or taryng, make a sale of my place at the popished with aile the porten^{ances} longyng therto, and also my place with taverne next Will^{am} Clyntonys that I bough of Robert Barbours wiff, and also of my place in Mustowe, callyd the Hert of Hoop, with a pcell of gardeyn longyng therto. And the seid places with the porten^{ances} be soold to the verray valew, that with the same mony wiche shal be reysid, growe, and come of the seid good to pforme and fulfille therwith my wil in alle thinges and werkes I haue assigned to be doo, and non to be left, ffor though ther be doo the lessere cost, I wil haue eche thing parformyd as ferre as my good wil stretche, wiche I cōmytte to the discrecōn and wysdam of my executours to caste be a cownte what mony is sewr to be reseyvvid and what sūme of money it wol come to for to be spent. And that werk that lest nedith to abate a part if the good wil not stretche so fer, and ellys not, for I trust to God ther shall be jnow. Iēm j yeve and beqwethe to Davñ John Kertelynge, my silvir forke for grene gyngo^r. Iēm to Davñ Thomas Framnyng^{am} a peyre bedys of ambyr. Iēm to Davñ Johñ Attilburgh a pere bedys of ambyr. Iēm to Robert Harwel j be qwethe my [fol. 104^b] lytel baselard harneysyd with silvir and a sangweyn schede. Iēm to Maister Bertilmew my ij. newe knyves entymewsyd with silvir, ther in wretyn *Grace me governe*. Iēm to

Jankyn Smyth my grene bedys with paññris of silvir and ovir gilt with ij. smale ij. corallys bedys by. Iĥm to Jankyn Aylleward iij. old kervyng knywes with white shaftes harneysid with silvir. Iĥ to Maister Herry Hardinā a blak gowune at mȳ intirment and a crucifix of silvir and ovir gilt. Iĥ to Maister John Pike a peyre bedys of ambir with a ryng of gold wretyn and innamelyd, for a tookne. Iĥm to Davñ Thomas Croftys a peyre bedys of ambyr. Iĥm to John Baret, with the Abbot of Seynt Benettys, my swerd and my bokeler, the gerdill harneysid with bokel and pendaunth of silvir, and my tepet of blak sarsenet. Iĥm to Thomais Brews esquier my crampe ryng with blak innamel and a part silvir and gilt. Iĥm to John Croftys, w^t my Lord of Bury, my bedys of calsydony. Iĥm to Thomas Cranewyle my bende for an hat of blak sylk and silvir. Iĥ to John Coote my bende of whit boon with smale bedys of grene. Iĥm to Thomas Edon my girdyl of tawny silk with poyntes of nedil werk. Iĥm to Thoñ Gerad my litil daggere. Iĥm to Rog^o Ayllemer my whistel of silvir. Iĥm to maist^r Robert Lawshull my book called *Disce mori*. Iĥ to Will^am Lawshull my botorȳcle set in gold with nedil werk. Iĥm to John Odh^am mȳ march^auntys powche of ledir wrought with silk. Iĥm to Kateryne Druy my best gay cuppe of erthe kevvryd, or ellys oon of the frerys, to chese of bothe. Iĥ to Will^am Sennowe oon of my short gownys, a good oon wiche as is convenient for hym, and my russet hood, with a cuppe of erthe, oon of the frerys. Iĥ I wil bothe my colers of silvir, the Kyng's lyfre, be sold, and the money disposid in almesse for Edmūd Tabowrȳ soule and his frendys, to recompȳse broke silvir I had of his to oon of the colerys and othir things with othir stuff be syde wiche I took to mȳ owne vse. Iĥm I yeve and beqwethe to the chirche and stepill of Rough^am iiij s. of silvir. Iĥ to the stepil of Nethir Rekynggale iij s. iiij d. Iĥm to Thomas Valys sone dwellyng at London with Thomas Cook vj s. viij d. for recompence of a pece veyed more than my dewte cam to, as Rog^o Cheney knowith. Iĥ I wil that if no redy mony to content hem that I

haue be set to hastyly to be payid, I wil that they may best abyde to be entretyd and suffir til it may be had. Iſm j be qwethe to mais^r John Nichole, pson of Martyn Fornham, a peyre bedys of jeet with a ryng of laton and gilt with a stoon and a reed lace with a knoppe of the same. Iſ j beqwethe to John Elys, wrytere, sūtyme m̄y man, a gowune of blak at m̄y intirment and iij s. iiij d. And to Anneys his wyf at my intirment a gowune of blak and xx d. Iſ j yeve and be qwethe to the repa^cōn of my lordys werk and to the chirche x. mar^c. Iſ to Clement [fol. 105] Drury my browne cuppe of erthe curyd. Iſ j wil that my executours, suche as shall occupie, shall make a clere declara^cōn and a trewe accountys yeerly, whil they occupye, of alle suche good^e that they reseyre of m̄y by vertu of this myn intestement, to the resydewe of my executours, and to m̄y supvysours, for here trewe acquytaylle. And j wil and charge my seyde executours that noon of hem p^rsume to do ony thyng alloone with ony of my seid good^e withowte the avys of alle his felaas, or at the leste of the most part. And j wil, as is seid be forn, that John Clopton esquyere be my supvisour and as oon of my executours in eche maⁿer that longith to my testement, and he to haue a gowune. Executours of this my testement and last will I ordeyne, make, and name thes v. psonys, Thomais Drury, Thomais Heigh^am y^e yonggere, maistir Will^am Qweyth, Adam Newhawe, John Coote jentylman; and supvysour I ordeyne and make John Clopton esqwyer and executour, to wiche Clopton I beqwethe xls. and a peyre bedys of sylvir w^t x. avees and ij. paⁿris of sylvir and gilt, and a gowune cloth of blak ageyn my intirment. Iſ j beqwethe to my executours T. Drury, T. Heigh^am, M. W. Qweyth, A. Newhawe, and John Coote jentilman, to eche of hem xxxiij s. iiij d. and eche of hem a peyre of bedys of sylvir w^t x. avees and ij. paⁿris of sylvir and gilt, lyche to the tothir, and a gowune cloth of blak to eche of hem. Iſ j wil they do make a book of papyr to wryte in expensis, what mony is reseyyd, disposid, and payid, and that mais^r Will^am Qweyth and John Coote jentilm^an wryte, sumtyme

oñ of hem and sūme tyme the todyr, alle man^o pcellys of resseyt and paymentē, desiryng John Coote jentilmā, be y^e avys and sup- portaçon of y^e survio^r and my executours to be redy in rydyng, goyng, and laboryng to the pformyng and executyng of my seid testament and last wil in alle things pteynyng therto; and that my executours pfoore and do make Seynt Marie aw^l, Rysbygate, and y^e croos beforn my gate, w^t alle other things as be expressyd and wretyn in my seyde testement and last wil, and that the make levy of my dettys, and of the mony that shalbe payid for swyche goodē as shalbe sold. And for as moche as maist^r Will^am Qweyth and Adam Newhawe be inhabytyd and dwellyng in Bury, I wil the mony y^t is reysid and reseyyvd be delyueryd and reste in the handys and kepyng of y^e seid maist^r Will^am Qweyth and Adā Newhawe tyl suche tyme as there felas come togedyr to make a rekenyng, as right and good cōcyens wil requyre. And non of hem to bere no cost in no wyse of here owune goodē, but of m^y, and he that laborith most to be rewardyd theraftir. And y^t y^e supvisour take heed helpe and see al this be do, as j truste fully in God in m^y executours and h^y y^t alle thingē shal be pformyd accordyng to my seid testemēt and last wil. If for asmoche as this wryting is in a bille annexid to myn testement and last wil, therfore j wil it be wretyn woord for woord in the rolle [105^b] that my testement and last wil is in, aftir the probat be maad, wiche probat j wil haue sewirly set to the oñ part and g^ynyng of m^y testement and last wil, and he that registerith it to haue a cōpetent reward for his labor, and that this forseyd wryting be registerid also.

Residuū oīm bonoꝝ meoꝝ supⁱ nō lega^t do et lego et cōmitto executoribꝫ meis supⁱus noīatē et eoꝝ assignatē ad vendend et denarios inde leuatos cū dic^t pecunia debi^t mea soluenda et disponend p aīabꝫ p^ris et matris mee et p aīabꝫ oīm parentū et bñf^roꝝ n^roꝝ ac oīm fideliū defunctoꝝ in sustentacone p^rsbⁱtoꝝ visitacone et releuacone paup^rū et alioꝝ pietatē opū put ipi viderint aīabꝫ n^ris salubri^o expedirⁱ. Hui^o autem testī mei et mee vltime voluntatē meos constituo executū put sup^a patꝫ in capite istius testī

et vltime mee voluntatē pp̄ia manu conscrip̄t annexat et nou^oit et sub sigillo me pp̄io argenteo signat. Dat die loco et anno Dñi sup^adic̄t. Hiis testibz, M̄ro Henrico Hardmā, Wiffmo Mogrown capet̄ et Johne Elys.

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[Lib. Hawlee, f. 95.]

Baldwin Coksedge, of Felsham, Gentleman.—1467.

In Dei noīe Amen. Ego Baldewin^o Coksedge de Felsh^m gentilian sane mentē ac bone memorie existens ap̄d Felsh^m p̄dcam octauodecimo die Marcij A^o dñi Mil̄mo cccc^{mo} lxxvij^{mo} condo testā meū in hunc modū. In p̄mis lego aīam meā Deo om̄ipotentī be Me Virḡ et om̄ibz sc̄is corp^o q̄ meū ad sepeliend in cimīteo ec̄c̄e de Felsh^m p̄dic̄t p̄pe ostiū cancell̄ ex p̄te austrat p̄ antecessores meos. It̄ lego sūmo altaī d̄c̄e ec̄c̄ie xx d̄. It̄ volo q^d executores mei disponant p̄ aīa Johis Mūnyng quond Rect̄ d̄c̄e ec̄c̄ie xx d̄. It̄ volo q^d execut̄ mei disponant p̄ aīa Johis Sterre nup Rect̄ d̄c̄e ec̄c̄ie xx d̄. It̄ lego Kaīne Coksedge moniali de Redlyngfeld vj s. viij d̄. It̄ lego Margarete Coksedge sorori mee quīq̄ solid̄. It̄ volo q^d Dionisia v̄x mea heat meam nouā ollam eneā et optiām patellā meā eneā p̄ ter̄m vite sue. Et post decessū eius volo q^d p̄dcā olla enea cū patella remaneat Georgio filio meo et assign̄ suis. It̄ volo q^d optiā vet^a olla mea enea vendat^r p̄dc̄e Dionisie et pecunias inde lego Edo filio meo. It̄ lego eidm Edo magnū vrciolū meū eneū. It̄ volo q^d p̄dc̄s Eds heat ij. zonas de ceria harnizaī cū argen̄ et auī. It̄ dono Ede Davit Dionisie matri sue vj s. viij d̄. Et residuū inde distribuāt ad discrēt suā in^o filia smeas si necesse fient. Et si obieī distribuāt p̄ aīabz n̄ris et p̄ quibz tenent^o. It̄ lego Margarete filie mee duos oues vnā patellā eneā vnū cooptoriū et vnū par linthiañ. It̄ lego Margerie filie mee duas oues vnā patellā eneā vnū cooptoriū et vnū par linthiañ. It̄ lego Georgio filio meo vnū cooptoriū et vnū par linthiañ. It̄ lego Roberto filio Johis Coksedge vnū agnū et mediet̄ q̄r̄ frumēti. It̄ lego unā vaccā sufficiēnt p̄ ij b̄z cereis ardent corā j̄magine be Me in cancella sc̄i

Petri ecciē de Felsh^m p̄dict imp̄pū duratuŕ. Iť lego Dionisie v̄x mee vnā paruā ollam eneā et vnā paruā patellā eneā p̄ term̄ vite sue. Et post decessū eius volo q^d d̄ca olla enea cum patella remaneant Margerie filie mee. Iť lego d̄ce Dionisie v̄x mee mediet̄ cataſt meoz ad sustentaçoem suam et oñib; suis p̄mis juvenis. Iť lego Alicie Goderyche filiule mee xx d. Iť lego cuilibet filioloꝝ et filiolaꝝ meaz qui nouer̄ duodecim denaŕ. Iť ordino et constituo meos veros et fideles executores meos Dionisiā v̄x meā et Eđm Coksedge filiū meū ac Joheḡ Nune. Iť ordino, facio et constituo inde esse supuisores Henricū Straunge armigeŕ et Joheḡ Chapmā de Schotle. Residuū vero et oīm bonoꝝ meoz non legatoꝝ lego et assigno executorib; meū supius noīat̄ ad vendend̄, recipiend̄ et disponend̄ p̄ aīa mea et aīab; p̄ quib; teneor in missaŕ celebraçoḡ et elemosinis largicōe et alijs opib; caritatiuis vt ip̄i videŕ Deo melius placere et aīe mee expediŕ. In cui^o rei testīoiū huic testamēto meo sigillū meū apposui. Hijs testib;, Johe Nune sen^r, Wiffo Ramsey, Robto Gentilmā, Johe Moor et Wiffo Boteler de Felsh^m p̄dict. Dat̄ die, loco et anno dñi sup̄dict.

Hec est vltīa mea voluntas. That I Baldewyn Coksedge of Felsh^m, gentilman, beyng in holle mynde and good memorie at Felsh^m aforseyd, the v^{te} day of the monyth of Jule the yeer of owr Lorde Mⁱ cccc lx and ix^{ne}, do take and oñ myñ testament be fore made. Fyrste, I wyll that myn detts be pleñly paied. And I will that Denyse myñ wyffe have xx s. for her dower, and myn place callyd Upwode Hall, otherwyse callyd Coksedgys, in Felsh^m aforseyd, duryng the tyme of here lyfe. And I will that the seid Denyse haue the new hows callyd a parlure, wyth the kechyn, and the chamberys pteynyng to the seid plure and kechyn, in myn seid place duryng here lyffe, yf she will leue sowle withowth an husbonde; and I will that the seid Denyse haue the lytill gardyn on the estsyd of the seid parlure, betwen the seid parlure and chambrys on that on party and the qwyk heige set frome the gate

on to the hall doore on that othir party, duryng here lyfe as it is aforseid; and I will that the seid Denyse have halle the gardyn on the westsyd of the seid parlure and chambris, with alle the curtelage on the westsyd of myn place wyth jnne the moote, from the kechyn doore on to the pertre, and from the pertre onto westend of the bakhows, and soo forth to the moote syde, with all the comedities wythyn the seid gardyn and curtelage growyng and beyng, as in herbagis, frute, fedyngis, and fysshynge in the moote, and the frute of the seid pertre and of an appultre stondyng in the same cours, fallyng wythin the seid curtelage, and othir pftyens wythout dystruccyon or kyttynge down of treis duryng here lyfe as is afforseid. And I will that the seid Denys haue here esement in the bakhows in lawfull tyme for bruyng, for bakyng, and for dreinyng of malte, and a stabyll within the moote, and here esement in the maltyngghows joyned therto, withys condicyon, that the ocupier of myn seid place shall haue his wetyng of his barly in the fate of the seid Denyse duryng maltyng tyme, that is for to sey, the seid Denys on wetyng and the seid occupier an other wetyng. And also the goyng of hennys and fowlys clovefotyng as it plese the seid Denys resonably, with tweyn hogge goyng, and free jncomyng and free owtgoyng in lawfull tyme too and froo the seid parlure, kechyn, bakhows, stabyll, maltyngghows, gardynys and curtelage, with here caryages of all man⁹ of thyngs suche as she nedyth at both breggis, well and in pees, wythowte ony jnpedyment of the ocupier of myñ seid place duryng here lyfe as it is aboueseyd. And I will that the seid Denyse haue of the occupier of myn seid place for the seid parlure, kechyn, chambrys, bakhowse, stabyll, maltyngghows, gardineys, and curtelage, yf she will dwell wyth ony of here doughterys, or in ony other place lefull, or to be maryed well at here frendis wyll, yearly vj š. viij đ. be syde here dour afforseyd duryng here lyfe as it is aboveseyd. And I wyll that John myn sone haue myn seid place callyd Upwode Halle, otherwyse callyd Coksedgys, in Felsham afforseyd, wyth alle the apporfetēns, except alle that is ex-

cepte in this myn seid wylle, and vppon that I will that alle myn feffeis see that myn wylle in alle wyse be fulfellyd; and yf the seid John will not paye the mony that he owith for the ferme of the seid place, or shall owe accordyng to the coueñte; of his endentur, or yf he will not paye his modyr the mony for her dower afforseyd, or yf he wold let any parte of here esements as it is afforseyd, I will that myn feffeis and myn executo's entre vppon hym and put hym owth, and kep hym owt tyll he wyll fynde suerte to be in pees and paye his duete; and aft the dysses of the seid Denys, and aftyr that myn seid wyll be fulfellyd, I wylle that myn executo's and myn feffeis see the best mene that they can in restoryng ageyn to the olde intaile of the seid place. And I wyll that the seid Denys haue myñ teñt callyd Geernys withalle thapporten^ance terme of hyre lyfe, and aftyr the dysses of the seyde Denys the seid teñt to remayne to myñ sone Edmūde and to his heyrys and assigneis for eūmoore. And I will that the seid Denys haue alle the landys, medewes, pasturys, and fedyngys callyd Southwode and Walymerche, the wyche I bough of Piers of Stonham, with alle thapporten^ance duryng here lyfe; and aftyr here desces I wille that the seide londys, medewes, pasturs, and fedyngis remayn to myn sone George and to his heyers and assigneis for eūmore. And I will that myn doughter Anneys [have] the ferme of alle the londys callyd Mekyll Southfyld, conteynyng viij acrys be estymacyon, lyng on the sowth party of myn londe callyd Meryeakyr and Brookhallende, and j crofte with a pece medewe conteynyng iiij acrys be estymaçon, the wyche I bought of Syre John Gooderyche, preste, and the seid viij acrys withe the seide iiij acrys abbuttyn vppon myn lane toward the weste, and j crofte lyng vppon the westsyde of John Skottē, sūtyme callyd Dychehows, with a pees of pasture lyng the nether ende of the seide crofte, conteynyng iij acrys more or lesse be estymaçon, and the londe callyd Lytyll Southfeld lyng vppon the northe syde of Brokhallende on that on partye, and the lond of Roberd Gentilman on that other partye, the wiche I bought of John of Dyche, Wa' Moore, and John of Moore of Felsham afforseide, and an other pees of londe lyng

on the westsyde of the Otecrofte, otherwyse callyd Cotelerys crofte, with a pees of medewe lyng betwene the medewe of the seid Robert Gentilman on that on partye and the medewe of William Cotelere on that other parte, tyll the sūme of vij marke be levyed for the seid Anneys. And I wyll that myn executo^rs kepe the seid vij marke till the hushond of the seide Anneys wyll make a lawfull estat and feffement of his londys and teñtes for terme of lyfe of the seide Anneys onto suche psonys as been his frendys and here bothe, as of iij, v, vij, or ix^{ne}, as ij, of here kyn and j of his. And yf soo be that he will not make suche estate, thane I wyll that the seide sūme be kept tyll aftyr his dysses, yf it happe hym to dysses be for here. And yfe he wolde make his will contrary to the couen^{ante} of the fyrste feffement that she shulde not haue the seide londys and teñtis ŷme of hir lyfe, than I will that myn heyres and myn executo^rs make the best mene of plee that they can for the recou^oe of the seid londys and teñtys acordyng to thastate that shulde be made at the tyme of the maryage makynge, with seide vij marke; and yfe it happe here to dysses be for hym, than I wille that she dysposyt as she and her frendys thynke beste. If I wyll that the ferme of the seide londys, medews, and pasture bee for namyd, qwan the seid vij marke is levied for myn doughtyr Anneys, goo to my doughter Margaret tyll the sūme of x marke be levied for the seid Margaret; and aft^o the said x marke is so levyed for the seid Margaret, than I will that the ferme of the seid londys, medews, pasture, bee for namyde go to myñ doughter Margerye tyll the sūme of x marke be levyed for the seid Margerye; and aft^o the seid x m^rc is so levyed for the seid Margerye, than I will that if it happe ony of myn seide doughterys to die onmaryed, than the seid ferme of the seide londis, medewis, and pasturys, levyed in the man^o of furme aboueseyd, bee evenly departyd betwene all myn other chylderyn levyng. And I will that the seid viij acrys of londe, callyd Mekyll Southfeld, aft^o the seid mony is soo levyed for myn seide doughterys be fornamyd, goo to the forseide Denys myn wyfe ŷme of hyre lyfe,

yf she will leve sowle, and ellys not, and aft^r the disses of the seide Denys than I will that the seide viij acrys remayne to myn seide place callyd Coksedgys ppetually wythoughten ende. And j will that the seide crofte and medewe late of the seide Sir John Goderyche preste, aftyr the seyde money is levyed for myn seid doughterys be for namyd, goo to the forseide Denys myn wyfe duryng here lyfe, and aft^r here disses I will that the seide crofte and medewe remayne to myn sone Edmūd and to his heyers and assigneis for eū; withought that the seid George myn sone and his fessles will make astate on to the seid Edmūd of the seid londys called Lyttille Southfeld, to holde to hym and heyers and his asseigneis for eū, than I will that the seid crofte and medewe be solde, and the mony therof to be euenly departyd be twene the seid Edmūd and George, and ellys the seid Edmūd to haue the seide crofte and medewe as it is be forseyde, and the seide George to haue the seide londe callid Lytill Southfeld to hym and to his heyers and assigneis for eū. And I will that the forseide crofte vnder Scottys, wythe seyde pees of pasture at the nedyr ende of the seide crofte, aftyr the seide doughterys be fully payed in the man^r of furme be for rehersyd, goo to the forseyd Denys myn wyfe ũme of hyr lyfe, as it is be for seide; and aft^r the disses of the seid Denys than I will that the seide crofte and pasture remayne to myn forseide place callid Coksegys ppetually withoghten ende. If I will that aft^r myñ forseid doughterys be payde in the man^r and furme aboueseide that the seid londys callid Lytyll Southfeld goo to the forseide Denys my wyfe ũme of here lyfe, and aft^r here disses I will that the seid londys remayne to myñ sone Edmūd and to his heyers and assigneis yf the seide George and the fessleis will delyue astate vnto the seid Edmūd, and ellis be it as it is be forseide. And I will that aft^r my forseid doughterys be soo payed in the man^r and furme abouesyde the seid pees of londe lyng on the westsyd of the Ote crofte, togedyr withe seid pees and medewe therto lyng, remayne to myñ sone Edmūd and to his heyers and assigneis for eūmore. And I will that the seid Edmūd myñ sone haue the iiij

oblygacyons that I toke onto hym to make therof qwat that he can in myñ name, and that myn executo's avowe hym in his suet and make hym a let^d of attorney if nede be. If I will that vij pens eerly rente, the wyche is not conteynynd in myñ dede of entayle, remayne onto myn seid place ppetually withoughten ende. If I wylle that forseyd John myñ sone haue alle the goodys and cataff that be comprehendyd in his endenture wythoughten ony clayme of myñ executo's. If I will that the forseid Denys myñ wyfe, John Nune, and Edmūde myñ sone, be myn executo's, and Henry Straunge sqwyer, John Chapman of Shottele, to be myñ supvysorys. In wittenesse qwherof I haue set to myñ seele. Thes wittenesse, John Nune the elder, William Ramsey, Robert Gentyelman, John Moor, and Willyam Cotelor, of Felsh^m afforseid. Gevyn the day, place, and yeere aboueseyd.

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Roger Rokewoode, of Euston, Squier.—1479.

In Dei noīe Amen. I Roger Rokewoode, of Euston, squier, in in the counte of Suff. and in the diocese of Norwyche, in myn hoole mynd beyng, make my testament and laste will the laste day of Apryfl the yeer of owre Lord God A. M^cccclxxix, and the yeer of the regne of Kyng Edward the iiij^{te} af^r the conquest of Ynglond xix, vnd^d this fourme and condicyon folowyng: First, I bequethe myn sowle to Allmygthy God, to oure lady v^rgyne Seinte Marye, and to alle the holy company of hefne, and my body to be beryed in the pariche cherche of Euston be for the chaunsell dore by syde the pue. Also I reuok and annulle alle other wylles by me by fore made. Also I bequeth to the hygh auter of the seid cherche of Euston xl s. Also I bequethe to the Nonnes of Thetford x s. to sey a dirige for my sowle. Also I will that the Blake Fryeres of Thetford, and the Frere Austynes of the same town, and the Grey Freres of Babwell, eche hous haue x s. to sey a trentall for

my soule. Also I will that eu^y housold keper in the town that I dwelle jⁿne haue at the day of myn burying iij d. Also I will that eu^y poure man that comyth to my threty day haue j d. Also I will that by the dyscrecion of myn supervisours and executors that ther be chosen xx^{ti} good pristes, and eche of them haue xx d. to sey v meses and v diriges for my soule and alle my frendes soules, so that fayle nat of an hundrid messes and an hundred diriges w^tjⁿne a monyth aft^r my decesse. Also I will that Alys my wyffe haue myn maner of Euston called Lityle Halle w^t alle the pten^{ance} terme of her lyfe, prayng and desiryng her that w^t pcelles of the pfights of the same maner she fynde a pryste duryng the terme of vij yeer to syng and to pray in Euston chierche for my soule, the soule of the seid Alice, and alle my frendes soules. And yf it so be that the seid Alice shall or wele lete the seid maner w^t thappten^{ance} to ony psone duryng the terme of her lyfe, thane I wille that my sone Roberd Rokewood haue the seid maner with thappten^{ances} in fourme duryng the lyfe of the seid Alice as itt^e aggreyd as welle by me and the seid Alice as by the seid Roberte, payng therfor yeerly to the seid Alyce t^{ime} of her lyfe x marcs at too t^{imes} of the yeer, Esterne and Mychellmess, by euyn poreyon, and also the seid Roberd shall paye the wages of a priste syngyng for my soule, the soule of the seid Alyce, and alle my frendes soules, in the cherche of Euston, durynge the t^{ime} of the seid vij yeers, and the seid Alice therof discharge, yf she leue so longe, and in case be that she discess w^tjⁿne the t^{ime} of vij yeers, thane I will that the seid priste be founde the residue of the seid vij yeers w^t my loose godes, so that I fayle not of a priste duryng the t^{ime} of vij yeers nexte ensuyng aft^r my decess. And also ouer that the seid Roberd shall beer alle oute rentys and s^{er}uices of olde tyme charged vpon the seid maner to the chief lordes of the same fee due and accustomyd duryng the seid t^{ime}, and alle repacyonys of hegges and houses repayre as nede shall require by alle the seyd t^{ime}, prouided alleway that yfe my sone Roger Rokewoode welc haue the seid maner w^t thappten^{ances} duryng the t^{ime} of the life of the seid Alice, beryng

yeerly therfor as the seid Robert shuld do in maner and fourme aboue expressed, thane I wille he haue it as wele by my wille as by the aggrement of my seid wyfe Alice and my sone Robert therto bothe assentyd. And aft^r the decess of the seid Alice, I will that the seid maner shall remayne to the jssues of my body lawfully begoten accordyng to the taylor therof made. Also I wylle that my sone Roberte haue my fermes of Cokfeld^e, in Euston, w^t thappten^{ce}, w^t alle other londes and teⁿte^z and rentes and s^o uise^z w^t thappten^{ce}; weche I haue in ferme of Will^am Brygges squier, in Euston and other towunes lying by. Also I wyll that he haue alle man^o fermes that I haue, excepte the ferme of Ryngmer Grange, payng therfor to the yeerly to the owners therof as I do, so that yf my son Roger will take vpon hym the ocupacyon of my man^o in Lityl Halle in man^o and fourme aboue expressed of his moders lyfe, thane as welle by my wille as by the aggrement of the seid Alice and Robert the same Roger to haue the seid fermes, doyng therfor as the seid Robert shuld do. Also I wille that my wyfe Alice haue xxiiij li. Also I will that yf my son Roger trouble [or] lett not this my will, but suffre my executors pesably to occupye my loose goodes, and Alice my wife or her fermoure my seid man^o in fo^rme lymyted, thanne I will that he haue xxiiij li. and yf he lette this my will or testament in ony poynte therof, thanne I wyll he haue no peny therof, but it be disposed for my soule and my frendes in good vses. Also I will and beqweth to Thomas Rokewoode my son my mees called Baas, and also my mees called Nottes and Coles in the toun of Euston; also a cloos called Scottes cloos, lying by the teⁿiment of the seid Thom^as called Pakmannes on the west parte, and the cloos of Will^am Brygges called Blabettys on est parte, the southe hede therof abbuttyth vppon the wey ledyng from Euston Mylle to Rosshworthe, and the northe hed abbuttyth vpon the comown of Euston ledyng in to the Wroo; also xxxvj acres and iiij rodes of londe divided lying in the feldes of Euston to the seid meeses by longyng, and the weche I late purchased wⁱjnne the same toun of Euston. Also the same Thomas shall haue a cloos called

Phelippes lying by the cloos of Will^m Brygges called Blabette, on the west parte, and the cloos of the man^r of Lityle Halle called Phelippes on the est syde, the northe hede abbuttyth vppon the comown of Euston, and the south hede abbutteth vppon the comoun wey ledyng frome Euston Mille to Rosshworthe, to haue and to holde to the seid Thomas his heys and his assignes for eu^rmore. Also I wille that the same Thom^s haue xij li. of lawfull money, iiij keen, ij hors, by the assignente of my executors. Also I beqweth to Robert myn son, my teñment^e called Calfes and Northes, with alle the londes and pastures, fedynges, rentes, and s^r uice; to the seid teñtes pteynyng, lying in Sapston, w^t the fraunchyse of faldes of ijcc shepe to eche of the seyd teñt^e bylongyng. Also an acre londe inclosed, late purchased of Water Dey, to haue and to hold to the seid Robert to his heyres and assignes for eūmore. Also I beqweth to the seid Robert xxiiij li. of lawfull [money], vj keen, iiij horses, a brasse potte, ij brass pannes, on conteynyng xvj. galoūnes and the tother ix galoūnes, vj pewter dysshes, iiij sawsers of pewter, and iiij platerys of pew^r. Also a fether bedde, a traunsom, a coulygth, a peyer chetes, a peyer of blankettys, and the hangyngs of a bedde called the blew bedde, incontynent aft^r my decess. Also I beqweth to the seid Robert, to the helpe of the purchas of Rawlyn Barette londes, or any other londes and teñtes were the seid Robert can best purvey to be sette his mony, xx li. Also I wylle that Ely³beth Cokett my doughter haue xij li. Also I will that Edmund Rokewood, my son Roger's son, haue the ferme of Ryngmer to the terme of myn yeres of any gr^aunte. And also the same Edmund haue cccc weders in my flokke of Ryngmer; also a fether bedde, a coulyte, a peyer of shetys, a peyer of blankette, and the hangynge therto. Also I will that my executor^e make a new rooff to the cherche of Euston and ledyd. Also I will that my sone Roger haue a teñte called Jakelynes, a mees called Pachette, and an other mees called Coles, adioynand togedyr in Euston, by the teñte of Will^m Brygges called Blankpaynes on the north syde, and a mees called Gamelynes on the south syde, the este hede abbuttyth vppon the wey ledyng from Euston

cherche toward Thetford, and the weste hede abbuttyth vppon the medwe of Lytle Halle, to haue and to holde the seid teñt and ij meeses adioynand lying togedyr, to the seid Roger and his heyres and assignes for eumore, in recompensacion of and for a cloos called Scottē by for byquestyd to Thomas my sone sumtyme by longyng to my seyð man⁹ of Lytle Halle. Werfor I pray, requyre, and desire my feoffes weche haue estate in the seid teñte and ij meeses make noon estate therof to my seid sone Roger tylle tyme that suffycent and lawfull euydens of eschaunges be made by twyx my seid sone Roger and my seid sone Thomas as moste beste can be advysed by ther bothens counseil. And yf eu⁹ my seid sone Roger or his heyers entre and putte oute my seid sone Thomas or his heyers of the seyð cloose called Scottē, than I will that my said sone Thomas, his heyres and assignes, entre into the seid teñte and ij meeses lying togedyr called Jakelynes, Coles, and Pachetts and the tenantes ther pute owte and vtly therof for eu⁹more dyscharge. Also I beqweth to the seid Roger myn sone a pece of syluē w^t a curyng of syluyr haueyng a knoppe aboue, to the tyme of his lyffe, and aft^r his decess I wille he leue the same pece w^t the curyng to Edmūd his sone. And alle the residwe of alle my goodes and dettys aboue not bequestyd or ellys in myn lyfe not deptyd and assigned lyuered w^t my owne handes I geue and beqweth to myn executors that they schall dyspose them in dedys of charyte as they shall seme beste to plesse God in dyscharyng ther concyens ayens God, by the ayse and discrecyon of John Clopton theyelder and Will^m Clopton his son, esquieres, qwhome I make and ordeyn supuisourē of this my testament and last wyll, praying them as my feythfull truste is in them that they helpe and comforte my wyffe Alice in her rygth as myn executors, qwom I ordeyn and make Robt Rokewood myn son and Johne Bacoun of Hessett in the execucion of this myn last wyll and testement. Also I beqwethe to eyther of myn executors xl s. Into the wiche wyttensesse to theyse p^rsentez I haue putto myn seale. Thes wyttensesses, mas^r Richard Stubbys clerke, bacaler in diuinitic, and Will^m Pecoke,

chapeleyn. Youen at Euston aboueseyd the day and yeer aboueseyd.

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John Smyth, of Bury, Esquier.—1480.

In Dei noīe Amen. In the name of God Amen. I John Smyth, of Bury Seynt Edmūde, esquier, the xij. day of Decembyr, the yere of oure Lord God M^cccc lxxx, beyng of good and holle mynde, make, ordeyne, and constitute myn testament and laste wille in maner and forme folwyng, in this maner wyse: Furst, I beqwete and comende myn soule to allmythty God, to his most blyssyd moder oure Lady Seynt Marye, and to alle the seyntyys of hevyn, and myn body to be buryed in the chirche of oure lady in the towune of Bury before seyde, in the north ele, be fore the dore of the awughter of Seynt John. And as for myn wille or testement be me maad before the date of this myñ last wyll and testament I vttyrly reuoke and annulle them and will not y^t ony man take ony benyfyys be them, but they be vttyrly voyde and of non effecte. Also I beqwethe to the high aughter of the chirche of oure lady beforseyde for myn oblaciouns and tithis forgete and not payed xx s. Also I beqwethe and geve to the priour of Bury beforseyd and to his successoure; m^y beste stondyng cuppe of syluer and gylte. Also I beqwete to the sexteyn of the seyde monasterie xx s. Also I be qwethe to euery brother of the covent be syde these psones, y^t be preste; vj s. vij d. And to alle other that be no p^rstees iij s. iiij d. Also I be qwethe to the ffrere; of Babbewell xiiij li. Also I beqwete to the ffrere; of Sudbury xx s. If I byqwest to the ffrere; of Clare xx s. If I beqweth to eche hous of the ffrere; of Thetford xx s. If I beqwethe to the Nunne; of Redyngfeld, to be distribute amonge them for to prey for my soule xl s. Also I be qwethe to the Nunnys of Thetford for to be distribute among them xx s. Also I beqwethe to the

Nunnys of Broszerde to be distribute among the conuent for to p^ay for m^y soule lxxvj s. viij d. Also I beqwethe to dawne Margarete 3axle, sus^e of the same howse, x. marke. If I beqwethe to Alys 3axle x. marke. If I beqwethe to Phelip 3axle x. marke. If I beqwethe to the Nunnys of Some, in Cambregge shere, for to be distribute among them for to p^ay for myn soule xx s. Also I beqwethe to the Nunnys of Iklyngton to be distribute among them xx s. Ifm I beqwethe to the priour and cōuent of Ixworth for to be distribute among them for to p^ay for m^y soule xl s. and other xl s. to the repacion of the same place. Also I beqwethe to the Nunnys of Camsey for to be distribute among them for to p^ay for myñ soule xl s. Also I beqweth to the parish prest of Seynt Marie chirche beyng at myñ dirige, yf it be Mais^e William Mathue vj s. viij d.; yf it be another I beqwethe hym iij s. iiij d. If I beqwethe to Seynt Marie prist of the seyd chirche, yf he be at m^y dirige vj s. viij d. If I beqwethe to Mais^e Herry Hardman iij s. iiij d. If I beqwethe to euery othir prist of the colage beyng at m^y dirige xx d. Also I wyll that after the feste of Michemesse immediatly after myn discesse that John 3axle sone and heyre to Richard 3axle have m^y meese with alle the londs, tenementys, rentys, and s^ouyss the whiche I or othir to myne vse haū in the towne and feldys of Pakynham callyd Redecastyll, to hym and to theyrys of his body lawfully be gotyn. And for the favte of sweche issue the remandyre therof to the next heyre of the seyd Richard for euer. And I will that vnto the seyde feste of Michelmasse m^y exe-
cutourre3 have and resseyve alle the issue3 and p^rfyty3 of alle the seyd meese londys and rentys and other p^rmissey3. Also I will that John m^y sone immediatly after m^y deses have alle m^y messuages, lond^e, tenement^e, rentys, and suic^e lying in the towunys and feldys of Throp Moryes, Felsam, Geddyng, and Ratlysden, to hym and to his heyres of his body lawfully be gotyn. And for the defaute of suche issue, I will y^t alie the seyd mesuagie3, londys, and tenement^e, with thapportenaunce3, remayne to Robert 3axle the secunde sone of the seyd Richard 3axle, to haue to hym for terme of his lyfe and af^r

his disces I will that the seid meeses be egally departyd, and so seuerally to remayne to Alice and Felipe dowteris of the seid Richard and to their heyre; of their bodyes lauffully begotyn. And if it happen any to deye be fore odire havyng non issue, than eueriche to be otheris heyre ouerlyvyng, and to theyrys of hire body lawfully begotyn. And if bothe the seyde Alice and Phelip deye w^owte issue, than I will that alle the seide mesuage, lond, and tenemētys remayne to the seyde John 3axle, sone and heyre of the seyde Richard, and to his heyre; for euer. If I beqwethe to Raff Duke vj^s. viij^d. Also I beqwethe to Elezabeth Theloth m^y 3uaunte v. marke. And qwere also I the seid John Smyth afore this tyme have maad and declarid m^y will of all m^yn messuage, lond, tenemētys, rent, and 3uysis in the townnys and felds of Bury aboveseyd, Berton, Fornl^em Seynt Martyn, Rowh^em, and Nowton byside Bury, w^t all thapportenaunce, beyng in feoffe; hands, that alle the issue; and pfit comyng and grovyng of the seid meeses, lond, and tenement schulde be houly cōuertyd and applyid to thuse and pfitys of thynhabytauntys of the seid town of Bury, and of their successoure; for euer, to discharge certayn y^oposicione; and charge wonte to be boryn be the seid inhabitaunte; and y^t ffeoffamentys thereof shulde be made from tyme to tyme whanne the cas shuld require to the same intende as in certayn indenture; trypartyte indentyd, cōprysing the seyde will, wherof the date is the x. day of the monyth of Auguste, the yere of our Lord God M^lcccc^{mo}lxxiij. where it more pleylny aperith. And I the seyde John Smyth, wyll yng the seid will in eueri article to take pleyñ effecte, and not in any wyse here aft^r to be reuokyd, but ppetually to stande ferme and stable, the same will so make of the seid meese, lond, and tenement. And where also as I the seid John Smyth have ordeynyd and declarid m^y will of m^yn maner of Hepworth, callyd Brettys, be feoffe; handys to thentent to fulfille that same m^yn will for the sustentacion of a chapeleyn ppetually to synge for m^yn sowle, and for the soule of Anne m^yn wyff, and for alle cristen soulys, accordyng to the tenoure and effecte of m^y

seid will tryptyte indentyd, that the collacion of m̄y seid Chaunterie whan it shall happen in any man⁹ wyse to be woyde, that than the priour of the Monasterie of Bury be fore seyde shuld have the gyfte and collacion of the same, as in the same indenture; more pleynty is declarid. I now the seid John Smyth, for di⁹se cause; and consyderacyonys sheryd vnto me, will ordeyne and declare by this m̄y p̄sent testament and last will that whan so euer the colage of prest^e of Bury be incorporat and have a maister, presydent, or other reuler, that than the seid maist^r, presydent, or other reuler, with myñ othir chaunterie prist synggyng at Seynt Marie aughter, in the seid chirche of oure Ladye, and the chapelyn of the gylde of the holy name of Jhu, have the collacion of the seyde chaunterie to them and to their successoure; for euer. And moreouer I will that [when] someuer the seid collage be so incorporat and have licence of the king to purchas to them and thir successoure; than I will that all my feoffe; in seid maner of Hepworth, vpon due request to them by the seid maist^r, p̄sident, or reuler, and phelasclep of the seid collage made, deliuere vnto them a suer and sufficient astatte of and in the seid maner, with thapparten^{ance}; to have to them and to their successoure; for the sustentaciō of the seyde chaunterie prist for euer. And where also I the seid John Smyth, by indenture, have shewed, notyfied, and declared myñ mynde, will, and intent vpon a ffeoffament made to Harry Hardman clerk, William Duffelde clerke, and other specified and named in a dede of m̄y maner callyd Swyftys, w^t thapporten^{ance}; wheche I woll to be conuertyd to thuse of the seid colage, to remayn in feoffe; hand^e vnto suche tyme as the seyd collage as is above seid be incorporatte and have licens of the kyng as is aboveseyd, and than the seyd feoffe; to make astate therof to the maist^r, p̄sident, or other reuler, and felaship of the said collage for the tyme beyng, for the sustentacion of a ppetuall chapeleyn to syngge at Seynt Marie aughter, in the seid chirche of oure Lady, for the solle of me the said John Smyth and Anne myñ wyff, and other; and for other charg^e and charge-

able dedys to be doon, as in the seyd indenturys more largely yt is conteynyd; I the seyd John, neu⁹ wyllȳng mȳ seyd mynde, wyll, and intent, so be me published, notified, and declared vpon the seyd ffeoffament, in any man⁹ of wyse to be changyd, lessyd, or reuokyd, but fermalȳ without any inȳrupcion to be holden so y^t it, ne no pcell therof, be conuertyd to noon other vsc. And for the more fermete and stedfastenes therof, and that yt ppetually shulde indure, I the seyd John Smyth, by this my p^{re}sēt testament and last wyll, mȳ seyde mynde, will, and entent so made, shewyd, and declarid be the seyd indentureȳ, approue, ratifie, and conferme; and will and ordeyne that the collacion of the seyd Chauntrie at Seynt Marie aughter in lyke wyse be longyng vnto the seyd prior vnto such tyme as the seyd colage in like wyse be incorpora^{te}. And than the seyd maist^{er}, p^{re}sident, or other rulere, with the chapeleyn of myn chaunterie at Seynt John is aughter, and the seyd chapeleyn of the gylde of Jhu, have the collacion of the seyd ch^aunterie, to them and to their successoureȳ for eu^{er}. And mo^{re}ouer I will and geue full powre to my executoureȳ and sup^{er}visoureȳ of this myn testament to ffunde and stabylissh my seyd chaunterie; and to make rewlys, constitucionys, and ordinaunceȳ for the rule, gou^{er}n^{er}ance, and good continuance of the same. And moreou^{er} I will, ordeyne, and declare by this myn seyd testament, that if myn sone John, or ony other p^{er}sone or p^{er}sones named in the same testament and last will, and to whom I made ony legate or gyfte, inȳrupte mȳ executoureȳ so that they may not resabelȳ execute the same, or othirwyse vexe, trobele, or let them in p^{er}formaunce of mȳ laste will, or any article therof, that than he or they so lettyng, waxing, or trubling, to lese and forfeite his seyd legate; and will and charge myne executoureȳ that they and euery of them vtȳlȳ kepe and resȳayn from hym or them there legate and byqueste to them made, notwithstanding ony feoffament, state, or possession takyn befor in ony gode that arȳn myȳn or were myȳn. And mo^{re}ou^{er} I require and charge all the ffeoffeȳ in the seyd manereȳ, londȳ, rentȳ and tenementȳ to relese to mȳ executoureȳ, q^uanne they be required

by them, if suche cause fortune to happe. And for the due executyn and pformauns of this m̄y testament, and for the playne and true disposiçōn of m̄y goodē and catallys, I will and streȳly charge all suche of m̄y executoureȝ as shall take vpon them the charge of the same, as they will answeare afore God, that they nor non of them ministir or dispose any of m̄y seyde goodē by them selfe withoute the cōmē assent of alle ther co-executoureȝ. And that alle suche of m̄y goodē as schall come to any of ther hande, whed⁹ it be in dettys or in any other thynggē, I will and charge that they immediatly aft^r the reseyte therof be brougte in to the towne of Bury, and ther be the comē assent of alle m̄y seyde executoureȝ be put in a place by them there for to be ordeynyd and assynyd, where they alle ioynly may have recourse thereto, there safely to be kept by them to suche tyme that by all theyre assentē they ben fully distribute and disposyd for the wele of m̄y soule, and hertely I p̄ay and desire the ordinarie, afore whom this m̄y testament schall be puyd, and also the sup̄visour of this m̄y seid testament, that the seyde executoureȝ, by there solempne otheȝ, amonge othir thynggs be specially chargyd and sworyn to fulfill and kepe the entent of this m̄y article and laste will; and that he or they that will refuse to make the seyde oth, or ellys afterward to do the contrarie of the same, I wil that he or they be dischargyd of any ferther deylyng of the seyde testament, and also to be compellyd, by the seyde ordinarie, and by the sup̄uysour, to make restituçyon of alle suche goodē kept contrarie to the entent of this myn article and laste will. If I desire and require myne cōfeoffes that they deliuiere astate in alle my manere; and londē and tenementē vnto m̄y executoureȝ whansumiuer they be desiryd by them. The residue of alle m̄y goodē and catallys, not beqwethyn, I geve and be qwethe unto m̄y executoureȝ, they for to dispose them for the welefare of m̄y soule and for alle the sowlys that I am be holdyng for to prey for as they thynkke may be most plesure to God and welefare of m̄y soule. Off this m̄y testamēt and laste will I put and ordeyne executoureȝ, Sere Thomas Ampe, Adam Newhawe,

and Raff Duke. The supuisoureȝ of this mȝ testament I ordeyne and put the priour of the monasterie of Bury beforñ seyde, Richard ȝaxle gentilmā, and Clement Clerk. Into wittenesse wherof of this mȝ p̄sent testament I have put to mȝ seale. Youyn the place, the day, and the yeere abovesaid.

I, JOHN SMYTH, of Bury Seynt Edmūds, Esquyer, by this parcell of mȝ laste will tripartite indentyd, yeve, assigne, and bewethe after my decesse my maner cleped Brettys, in Hepworthe, with all thappurtenaunces therto pteynnyng, with all othere londes and tenementes, rentes and s̄uices, medewes, pastures, woodes, with thappurtenaunces and with all othere comoditees to the seid maner or to any of the seyde londes or tenementes in any maner pteynnyng, lyeng in the towunes of Hepworthe abovesaid, Ber-nyngham, Stanton, Ixworthe, Berdewell, Watlesfeld, Thelnetham, Weston, and Coneweston, in the shire of Suffr, to the entent to have a chauntry priest and a lawefull, with thissues and p̄fites therof comyng withouteende in maner and fourme as hereafter folweth, that is to sey :—for to sey divyne s̄uice in the chirche of oure Lady in Bury Seynth Edmūds aboueseid, and other preyoures, and to prey for me the seid John Smyth, the soules of Anne sumtyme my wyf, my ffader John Smyth, Hawise his wyf, and Rose my doughter, and all the soules that I am bounde to praye for. And j wole that the said chauntry prest sey by the dayes in the wyke messe in the chapell of oure Lady beside the chauncell in the said chirche, and alle other daies in the wyke yerely to sey hys messe at the auter of seynt John in the same chirche. And I wole y^t the seid chauntry priest haue for his stipende yerely x. marc of lawfull money of the issues, p̄fites, and reveneus comyng of the forseyd maner, londes, and tenementes, rentes and s̄uices, medewes, pastures, woodes, with ther appurtenaunces and comoditees aforseid. And to be reseyved by hymself or by hys assigne by the handes of the occupyers of the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, s̄uices, medewes, pastures, woodes, with ther seid appur-

tenaunces and comoditees withoute ony contradiccion of them, or in euery pcell therof to the seid maner pteynynge. And the residue of thissues and pfites, comynge of the same maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, ^suices, medewes, pastures, woodes, with thappurtenaunces and comoditees aboueseid, over the seide sūme of x. marĉ, shalbe receyved by the handes of my seid chauntry priest, to thentent to kepe the obite yerely withoute ende of me the seid John Smyth, and of the soules aboueseid. And by the supvison of the Pour of the Gylde of Seynt Nicholas holde withyn the toñ of Bury Seint Edmūds, and the seyd priour of the seyd gylde to have yerely ij s of the revenevs comynge of the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, ^suices, medewes, pasture, and woodes. And the residue therof over the charges aboueseid, the charge of the reparaciouns and the charges to the cheef lordes therof; and the residue of the revenevs and pfites comynge of a pece of medewe inclosed at the Turret in Bury Seynt Edmūds aboueseid, whiche is assigned to the repacion of the newe eles in thaforseyd chirche made by me thaforseyd John Smyth, over the seid reparaciouns to them dō, and over the charge to the chief lord therof, be disposed and distributed by the discrecion of my chauntry priest and of the priour of thaforsaid gylde, to poure people of the seid toñ of Bury Seint Edmūds at the seid obite, orels on the day next be fore, to pray for the seid soules. Also I wole that yef the feoffes of the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, ^suices, medewes, pasture, and woodes, with thaforseyd appurtenaunces and comoditees, decesse, wherof viij. or vj. psones of the seyd feoffes be levyng, that than my seid chauntry priest for the tyme beyng, wiche is assigned to pray for the seid soules, shall have auctorite and power to make the feoffes so levyng of and in the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, ^suices, medewes, pastures, and woodes, with thappurtenaunces and comoditees aboueseid, and them to require to make a new estate and to enfeoffe xx. other psones at the leste noumbre of the most substanciall psones, inhabitantes withinne the seid town of Bury Seynt Edmūds, of and

in the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, s^uices, medewes, pastures, and woodes, with the seid appurtenaunces and comoditees, wherof my seyde chauntry priest to be one of them at his liberte. And also I wole that whansoeuer it fortune that my seid chauntry priest decesse, or any priest in my seid chauntry hereafter comyng, thanne I wole that the priour of the monasterie of Bury Seint Edmuds, and hise successoures withoute ende, withinne a monethe next suyng after decesse of the priest of my seid chauntry, shall p^rsent and yeve the seid chauntry to another onest priest, and yeve him charge with the divine s^uice p^rmisses in maner and fourine aboueseid. And if the priour of the seid monasterie for the tyme beyng p^rsent no priest to pray for the soules aboueseyd withinne a moneth, as is aforeseyd, than I wole that myⁿ next heyre or next of my blode p^rsente an honest priest to the seid chauntry in maner and fourme aboueseid withinne iij monethes next suyng aft^r decesse of my seid chauntry priest. Also I wole that the priest of my seid chauntry for the tyme being and his successoures, with the priour of the aforeseid gilde, make yerely thir bille of acounte of all charges and expenses of thissues and revenevs aboueseid receyvved, orels owyng over the seid yerely x. mar^c by them, do deliuer it after the seid obite to the priour of thaforseid monastie for the tyme beyng, that it may be vnderstande whether y^t the seid revnevs be disposed aft^r thentente of the seid will or nought. And the seid priour of the same monastie to refourme and to make a direccion therof. And the same day and tyme the same p^rour of the same monastie to have of the seid revenevs at that audite a galon of wyn. Also I will that euery of my chaunterie priestes, one after another, by hymself or by his assigne withoutteende duryng and for his tyme ther beyng, shall have the reule and gouernaunce by the supvison of the priour of thaforseid gylde aft^r decesse of myⁿ executours of the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, s^uices medewes, pastures, and woodes, with the seid thappurtenaunces and comoditees, to lete them to ferme as is most behovefull

to mȳ seid chauntry, and to receyve thissues and pfitēs therof comyng, and to pay and bere almaner of rentes and charges therof dewe, withoute cōtradiccion and in̄rupcion of any of the feoffes theryn infeoffed. And the feoffes not to dele therwith but as feoffes of trust. Also I wole that this pcell as a pcell of my laste will be pved and annexed to the resude of mȳ will. And one parte of these tripartite endentid to remayne with the priest of my seid chauntry and hise successoureȝ, and other parte therof with the priour of the seid monasterie. And alle the resude of the seid will with myñ executoureȝ. Providyng alwey that as longe as myn executoureȝ be levvyng, yf any thyng nede and is behovefull in any parcell of myñ will to be refourmed for the better entente, I wole that mȳ seid executoureȝ refourme it after there discrecion, as they will answeare before God. And I pray and requiř alle mȳ feoffes of alle myn maners, londes, and tene-mentes withynne the shire of Suff., and in any other shire, to make or do make a lawfull estate at the request of myñ executours, accordyng to myn will and testament, whan they or any of them be requyred.

IN the name of God Amen. To alle true cristen people to whom this p̄sent writyng indented shall come, John Smyth of Bury Seynt Edmūd, in the counte of Suff., Esquier, gretyng in oure Lord God eu⁹lastyng. Knowe, that where as I the seid John Smyth very owener of the maner of Swyftys, with alle londes, tenētes, rentes, and s̄uices with thappurtenaunceȝ and other comodiētes to the same maner belongyng, lyng in the townes of Preston, Ketilberston, Brent Illegh, Monkes Illegh, Brethenh^{am}, Thorp Morieux, and Cokefeld, in the counte of Suff. forthwith Robert Webbe clerk and John Steuenson clerk, mȳ cofeffes to myne vse of and in the seid maner, late beyng seasid of the seid maner with thapp^rten^an^ceȝ, by oure chartre beryng the date of thees p̄sentes have dimised, assigned, deliuered, and by the same our chartre confermed to Henř Hardman clerk, William Duffeld

clerk, William Mathewe clerk, Thomas Am̃ clerk, Rog^o Drury esquier, Robert Drury, John Coket theldere, John Coket the yong^o, William Twheyte theldere, William Thweyte the yongere, John Drury, Symonds Clerk, Clement Clerk, John Cote, Thomas Edon, Adam Nwehawe, William Baret, Laurence Smyth, Thomas Felys, Thom^as Kyng, John Helpstoñ, James Mayhewe, John Basse, and John Smyth, the forseid maner with thapp^rten^ance by the name of alle the londes, teñtes, rentes, and ðuices with all thapp^rtenaunces in the seid townes of Preston, Ketilberston, Brent Illigh, Monkes Illigh, Brethenh^am, Thorp Morieux, and Cokefeld, in the seide Counte of Suff., to have to theym, their heires and assignes for euer, as in the seid dede more pleyntyly aperith: I the forseid John Smyth, specially remembryng the helth of m̃ soule, notife, publissh, and playnly declare my mynde, will, and intent of and vppon the seid feffement, neuer to be reuoked, in maner and forme as folowith: Furst, that is to sey, that the seid Feffes of and in the seid maner with thapp^rtenaunce; shall suffar the mais^r, p̃cedent, or othir reuler of the colage of preest^e newe bildid withun the town of Bury, for the tyme beyng, to haue, take, and holy p̃ceyve alle thissues, rentes, p̃fitees, and alle other revenues comyng and growyng of the seid maner, with thapp^rten^ance; payyng yerely to me the seid John Smyth or myn assignes duryng m̃ lif naturall of the seid issues and p̃fitt^e of the seid maner x. mark of good and lafull monye of Ynglond, at the fest^e of Esterñ and Seynt Migheff tharchaungill, by euen porcionis, and the residue therof to be holly applied and conuertyd to the bilydyng, sustentacion, and repacion of the seid collage; and aft^r m̃ disceas I will that all the seid issues, p̃fittes, rentes and all other cōmoditees of the seid maner holy remayn to the seid mais^r, president, or other ruler of the seyde Collage, ooñ parte therof to be applied and conuerted to thexibicion and sustentacion of a p̃petuall chapleyn to syng and sey dyvyne ðuices at the aulter of oure moste blessid Lady withyn the parisshe chirche of our moste blessyd

Lady wythyn the seyd town of Bury to pray specially for the soule of me the seyd John Smyth, and the soules of Anne m^y wyff, our children, and the soules of all oure auncestrees and benefactours, and all cristen soules; and that othir parte therof to be applied and conuerted to the mayntenaunce and supportacion of the seyd collage, in bildyng, rep^aciouns, and other charg^e necesarie in the seyd collage, for eu^e, and other werk^e and dedes of charite to be doon there, after the rule, ordinaunce³, constitucōns, and establishment^e by the seyd maist^r, president, or othir ruler of the seyd collage for the tyme beyng, and iiij. or v. of the most substanciall of the fore named feffes, with the aduys of myⁿ executours in that by halue, to be made and establisshed; and more ou^r I will that all the seyd feffes so beyng seasid to the use and intent aboue specified stond and be feffes to the same vse and intent vnto such tyme as the seyd maist^r, president, or othir ruler of the forseid collage haue by the kyng^e licence founded the seyd collage and corporat theym self and made theym self psonable, to haue succession and capacite in the lawe to purchase, take, and resceyue by the name of maist^r, or president, and felischip of the seyd collage, of gifte, biyng, by quest, or odirwise, of any maⁿ that will give, sell, or by queth to theym and to their successeours; londes, tenementes, rentes, annuitees, or othir possessiouns, what so euer they be, in fee and ppetuite into mortmayne; and if it fortune the seyd feffes, nowe beyng of the nombre of xxiiij. to disceas to the nombre of xij. by for any suche fundacion, corporacion, or licence gotten by the seyd maist^r, president, or othir ruler of the seyd collage, that than x. of the seyd xij. feffees survyvyng to reles and quyteclayme all their right, title, and int^est in the seyd maner, with thapp^rten^ances, to ij. of the eldest of their coffees ouerleuyng, and theruppon to take astate ayeⁿ to theym and to xiiij. othir sufficient psones to be named by the seyd maist^r, p^rsident, or othir ruler, and iiij. or v. of the most substanciall psones of the seyd feffees, to have to theym, their heyres, and

assignes for euer, to thuse and entent above exp^{re}ssed; and this to be doon as ofte as such case xall require, till the seyd collage be founded, stablissed, and incorporat, and haue their licence to purchas as is aboueseid. And I will that all the seyd ffeffees that now and here aft^r shalbe, and euy of theym, ymmediatly aft^r due request to theym made be the seyd mais^r, p^rsident, or ruler, aft^r the shewyng of the kyngs f^res of foundacion and licence of purchasyng, make a sure, sufficient, and laufull astate of the seid maner, with thapp^{re}tenaunce, to the seid mais^r, p^rsident, or ruler, and to the felischip of the seid collage, by what so euer name or names he or they in their foundacion shalbe named; to have and to holde to theym and their successoure; for the sustentacion of the seyd p^{er}petuall chapleyⁿ in the seyd chirche, and for the continuaunce, mayntenaunce, and rep^{ar}acion of the seyd collage and other werkes and dedes of charite, as is aboueseyd, for euer, after the rule, ordynaunce, and constitucion of the seid mais^r, p^rsident, or othir ruler of the seyd collage for the tyme beyng; and iiij. or v. of the seyd nowe ffeffees, or of the ffeffees that hereafter, if the cas so require, shalbe, with the ou^{er}sight of m^r seyd executoure; in that by halue to be made, any will, p^{ro}mys, bargeyⁿ, g^{ra}unte, or sale heretofore to the contrarie made not wistondyng; ffor if any there were I vtterly reuoke and, inasmoche as in me is, I adnull theym. And I will, pray, require, and straitly charge all myⁿ seyd ffeffes and executours, and all other p^{er}sones to whom it shall p^{er}teyⁿ, that they, as they will answe^re afore God at the dredfull Day of Jugement, in^{tr}up^t not nor breke this myⁿ intent and will made by me vpon the seid man^r, so that it be not coⁿuerted to noon othir vse, but accordyng to this myⁿ intent and will aboue rehersed. And for the p^{ro}f^{it}te wittenes and knowlege that this is my very will and intent by me the seyd John Smyth made vpon the seyd ffeffement, and that it shuld be vndouted to all men, I haue to this p^{re}sent writyng putto my seel and subscribed it with my owne hand. And for as moche as my seell to many folkys is vnknowen, therfor at my request the Secristen of

the Monastie of Bury Seynt Edmūd, Ordinarie of the same place, to this p̄sent writyng also hath putto his seell. Yeuen at Bury forseyd, the xviij. day of Decem̄br, the xxth yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the iiijth.

In Dei noīe Amen. Hec p̄sens pagina triptite indentata facta apud villam de Bury S̄ci Edmūdi in coñ Suff. decimo die mensis Augusti anno dñi Mil̄mo cccc^{mo} lxxij^o et anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie xij^o testat^r q^d hec est firma p̄fecta et p̄petua voluntas mei Johis Smyth de dicta villa de Bury S̄ci Edmūdi in com. Suff. p̄dic̄t armiḡi, p me nunq̄ reuocand, de oñibz mesuagiis, terris, tenementz, redditibz, et s̄uicijs meis, cū suis p̄tiñ, in villis et campis de Berton iux^a Bury, Fornh^am S̄ci Martini, et in campis de Bury p̄d̄ca vocat̄ Estefeld, Southfeld, et Vynefeld, necnon in villis de Noweton et Rough^am; que quidm mesuagia, p̄ras, tenemēta, redditus, et seruicia, cū suis p̄tiñ, Robtus Gardynier nup Aldermannus eiusdm ville de Bury S̄ci Edmūdi, Johes Ayleward, Thomas Brette, Wills Thweyte, Henricus Banyard, Clemens Drury, Johes Foster, Wills Buntynge, Andreas Skarbot, Johes Furseney, Thom^{as} Bunnyng, Johes Reggeman, Simon Clerk, Robtus Rose, Robtus Burgeys, Walterus Thruston, Johes Mey, Thomas Emmys, Johes Gouty, Wills Copyng^o, Edmūdus Lorymer, Laurencius Smyth, Robertus Creppynge, et Johes Salman, h̄ent ex dono et feoffamento mei p̄fati Johis Smyth p̄ quandam cartam meā tripartite indentatā decimo die Septembris anno regni p̄d̄ci dñi Regis decimo apud Berton p̄dic̄t datam et confectam; necnon de quodam alio mesuagio meo situato in villa de Rough^am et de decem et octo peciis p̄re arrabilis, vna pecia prati, et vna pecia bosci, cū libtate falde, et oñibz alijs suis p̄tiñ in dicta villa de Rougham, que quidm mesuagiū, p̄ram, pratum, boscum, cū libtate falde, et alijs suis p̄tiñ, in dicta villa de Rough^am, Johes Forster nup Aldermānus d̄ce ville de Bury, Robtus Gardener, Johannes Aylleward, Thom^{as} Brette, Wilt Theweyte, Clemens Drury, Wills Buntynge, Andreas Skarbot, Johes Furseney, Thom^{as}

Bunnyng, Joh Reggemā, Simon Clerk, Robtus Burgeys, Walē Thruston, Johes Mey, Thom^{as} Emmes, Johes Gouty, Wilt Copyng^o, Lau^r Smyth, Robtus Creppyng, et Joh Salman hient ex dono et feoffamento mei p^rfati Johis Smyth p^r quendam aliā cartā meā sili^o triptite indentatā vicesimo die Julij anno regni dēi dñi Regis terciodecimo apud Rougham p^rdic^t da^r et confec^t. Ea intencione ad hanc vltimā voluntatē meā in o^mib³ et p^r o^mia put in p^rsent^r pagina subscribit^{ur} et continet^{ur} debite exequend^{um}, p^rficiend^{um} et p^rimplend^{um}. In primis ad laudem, gloriam, et honorē o^mipotēt^{is} Dei et gloriosissime virginis matris eius Marie gloriosiq^{ue} martiris et Regis S^ci Edmūdi, ac in releuamen et auxiliū Aldermanni Comburgenciū tocius q^{ue} cōitatis et paupū inhītanciū dēe ville de Bury S^ci Edi et in supportacōem o^mn^{ium} eisdm in dies incumbenciū, vt īpī heredes et successores sui p^r salute aīe mee ac p^r aīa Anne nup consortis mee, necnon aīab³ parentū et benefacto^{rum} meo^{rum} et o^mn^{ium} fideiū defuncto^{rum} futuris p^rpetuis tempib³ apud altissimū specialius dep^rcent^{ur} et exorent. Volo q^{uod} ego p^rdictus Johes Smyth hēam et p^rcipiā ad totam vitam meā o^mia exitus et p^rficua de o^mib³ p^rdict^{is} mesuag^{iis}, terris, tenementis, pratis, pasturis, boscis, cū lib^{er}tate falde et cū o^mib³ et singulis suis p^rti^{bus} sup^radic^t pueniē et cresceⁿ absq^{ue} impedimento seu contradicōne aliquali. Et post decessum meū volo q^{uod} dēi Aldermānus, Burgenses, et feoffati integre hēant et p^rcipliant o^mia exitus et p^rficua o^mn^{ium} et singto^{rum} mesuagio^{rum}, t^{er}raz, tenemento^{rum}, prati et bosci p^rdic^t cū lib^{er}tate falde et ceteris p^rmissis cū suis p^rti^{bus}, sibi, heredib³ et succēs^s suis imp^rp^m. Ea inten^{ti}ōne vt i^{dem} Aldermannus, Comburgenses et feoffati, vel dicti comburgenses et feoffati in defectu Aldermanni, heredes et successo^{res} sui qui p^r tempe fuerint singulis annis imp^rp^m anniuersariū mei dēi Johis Smyth et dicte Anne nup vx^{oris} mee in ecclia parochiali b^{ea}te Marie Vir^{ginis} de Bury p^rdic^t pro aīa mea et aīab³ dicte Anne parētū et benefacto^{rum} n^{ost}ro^{rum} et o^mn^{ium} fideiū defuncto^{rum} cū p^rsbi^{teris}, capellanis, et c^{lericis} solempniū et deuote celebrari faciāt, vide^{ant} in vigilia dēi anniu^{er}sarij mei deuote decantan^t et dicentib³ *Placebo* et *Dirige* et in die dēi anniu^{er}sarij mei missam de *Requiem*

solempniū p̄ notam cū aliis p̄cibz, suffragiis, et obsequiis in huiusmodi anniū'sariis mortuorū vsitatis. Et volo et requiro dictos Aldermannū, Burgenses, et feoffatos q^d ip̄i singlis annis imp̄pm teneant dictum anniū'sariū meū eodm die eiusdm mensis quo me ab hoc seculo decedere contiḡit nisi causa legitima int̄sit sic q^d id fieri nequeat, tunc aliquo die p̄cedente vel subsequēte quo id celius fieri possit. Et quod residuū fu^oit exituū et p̄ficuoz dictorū mesuagioz, ʒraz, teñ, prati, pasture, bosci, reddituū, seruicioz, cū libtate falde, et ceo^oz p̄missoz cū p̄tiñ, volo q^d reseruet^r et saluo et secure custodiat^r p̄ d̄cos Aldermannū, Comburgēses et feoffatos, vel p̄ dictos Comburgenses et feoffatos inde p̄ tempe existeñ in def̄cu Aldermanni. Ea int̄cione quod quādo et quociens infutu^r abbat̄hiade Bury S̄ci Edmūdi p̄ mortē alicui^o Abbtis p̄ tempe existeñ vacauerit et nouus abbas it̄m post eius mortē legitime electus et p̄fectus foret, q^d tunc de exitibz et p̄ficuis p̄dict̄ psoluat^r p̄dicto nouo Abbi p̄ tempe existēti tantū quantū inde p̄cipi et reʒuari poterit in satisfac̄ōne et recompensac̄ōem cuiusdam summe d̄co nouo Abbi rōne nove creāōnis sue p̄ inhabitantes dicte ville de Bury s̄ci Edi put moris est soluend̄ et solui cōsue^t, et sic tociens quociens contiḡit d̄cm nouū abbt̄em ibidm post mortē alicuius Abbatis de nouo eligi et p̄fect̄ fore imp̄pm. Et si quid inde tunc vltra dictā sūā remanserit volo q^d disponat^r et applicet^r ad solūcōem quinta^z decima^z taxa^z et tallagioz et alia^z impositionū et on^oum quorūcumqz ab eisdm Burgensibz et Cōitate ville p̄dicte, heredibz, et successoribz suis, cunctis futuris tempibz exigend̄, et sibi imponend̄, in releuamen et exon^oacōem Burgēsiū et Cōitatis ville p̄dee imp̄pm de et sup̄ oñibz et singtis p̄missis. Et insup̄ volo q^d cum d̄ci viginti et quatuor feoffati mei p̄l^l quatuordecim eo^ozdm ad minus sup̄uiuentes decesserint et obierint q^d tunc vel antea si dictis feoffatis opus visum fu^oit et expediens duodecim de d̄cis quatuordecim feoffatis vel plures si sup̄uixerint remittent, relaxabunt, et om̄no p̄ se et heredibz suis imp̄pm quietum clamabunt duobz d̄coz cōfeoffatoz suorū totū ius, titulū, clameū, int̄esse, et demand̄ que h̄ent vel h̄ere

poſunt rōne quacūq; de et in meſuagiis, īris, teñ, pratis, paſturis, boſcis, cū libtate falde, redditib; et ſeruiciis p̄dictę et cętis ſuis p̄tiñ, hēnd et tenend ſibi hē et assign ſuis imp̄m de capitalib; dn̄is feod̄ iſt p̄ ſuicia inde debita et de iure conſueta. Qui quidm̄ duo feoffati ſic in plena et pacifica poſſeſſione meſuagioꝝ, īraꝝ, teñ, et cętoꝝ p̄miſſ cū p̄tiñ exiſteñ reſeoffabunt d̄coſ duodecim ſecum p̄prius feoffatos vel plures qui ſupuiſerint ſi caſus exigiꝝ cū aliis de p̄biorib; et magis ſufficientib; hōib; de Comburgenſib; et inhi-tantib; ville p̄dicte vſq; ad plenū numerū viginti et quatuor hōim feoffatoꝝ in toto attingenciū p̄ Aldermannū et Burgenſes ville p̄dicte p̄ tempe exiſteñ ſeu p̄ eoſdm̄ duodecim prius feoffatos et Burgenſes eiſdm̄ ville p̄ tempe exiſteñ in def̄cū Aldermāni eiſdm̄ ſupui-uentib; eligend̄ noīand̄ et associand̄, hēnd et tenend̄ ſibi, heredib;, et assign ſuis imp̄m de capitalib; dn̄is feod̄ iſt p̄ ſuicia p̄dictę, ad hanc vltimā voluntatē meā in forma p̄notata firmiꝝ p̄implend̄. Et ſic quocienſcumq; p̄petuis futuris tempib; contigit huiusmodi feoffatos in et de meſuaꝝ, īris, teñtis, redditib;, et ceteris p̄miſſis, cū p̄tineñ, p̄l quatuordecim eoꝝdm̄ ad minus ſupuiuentes vt p̄dic̄ obire et decedere, q̄ tunc vel antea ſi vt p̄mittit dictę tunc feoffatis opus viſum fuit et expediens duodecim de d̄cis quatuordecim vel plures qui ſic ſupuix̄ int in forma p̄libata, remit-tent, relaxabunt et omnino p̄ ſe et heredib; ſuis imp̄m quietū clamabunt duob; d̄coꝝ cōfeoffatoꝝ ſuoꝝ totū ius, titulū, clameū, inſeſſe, et demand̄ que tūc hēbunt vel hēre poſunt rōne qua-cūq; de et in p̄dict mesuaꝝ, īris, teñtis, patis, paſturis, boſcis, cū libtate falde, redditib; et ſuicijs et aliis ſuis p̄tiñ, hēnd et tenend̄ ſibi, heredib;, et assign ſuis p̄ ſuicia p̄dictę imp̄m. Qui quidm̄ duo feoffati ſic in plena et pacifica poſſeſſione meſuagioꝝ, īrarū, et tenemētoꝝ, et cętoꝝ p̄miſſoꝝ cū p̄tiñ exiſteñ reſeoffabunt dictos duo-decim vel plures viginti et quatuor hōim feoffatoꝝ in toto attingere per Aldermānū et Burgenſes ville p̄d̄ce p̄ tempe exiſteñ ſeu p̄ d̄coſ feoffatos ſupuiuentes et Burgenſes eiſdm̄ ville p̄ tempe exiſtentes dictis prius feoffatis eligend̄, noīand̄, et associand̄, hēnd et tenend̄ ſibi, heredib;, et assign ſuis in forma p̄dicta imp̄m, ac hanc vltimā

voluntatē meā simili^r pimplendā. Et p eo q^d p^rfatī feoffatī mei ad om̃ia in hac vltima voluntate mei contenta in om̃ib³ et singtis suis articulis bñ et fidelit^r exequend^r et pimplend^r sup sacrosca Dei eu^angelia sacramētū p^rstiterunt corporale. Sic volo q^d q̃mcūq³ futuris tempib³ in mesuagiis, t^ris, tenemētis, redditib³, et celis p^rmissis, cū p^rtiñ, feoffatī erunt simili^r sup sacrosancta Dei eu^angelia corā Aldermāno et Burgensib³ eiusdm ville p tempe existeñ seu corā p^rfatē quatuordecim hōib³ vel plurib³ qui supuixerint et Burgēsib³ p tempe existentib³ p defcū Aldermāni ad om̃ia et singula in hac vltima mea voluntate contenta et specificata in singulis suis articulis vt p^rdicit^r exequend^r et firmi^r pimplend^r sacrm̃ prestabunt corporale. Et volo et requiro dcos feoffatos meos nūc et futuros vt hec vltima voluntas mea semel in anno plane et publice legatur. Item volo quod post decessum meū singulis annis imp^rp̃m eligant^r quatuor pbi hōes de feoffatis p^rdictē p tempe existeñ p Aldermānū et Burgenses eiusdm ville p tempe existeñ vel p feoffatos p^rdictos et Burgenses p tempe existeñ p defcū Aldermanni. Qui quidm quatuor probi hoīes in forma p^rdca de anno in annū electi imp^rp̃m hēbunt supuisum et guānacōem oīm dcoz mesuagioz, t^rraz, tenementoz, pratorz, pastu^r, bosci, cū libtate falde, reddituū, seruicioz et alioz p^rtiñ quorūcumq³ cū p^rtiñ et exitus et pficua inde noīe cōfeoffatoz suoz p tempe existeñ ad pimplend^r om̃ia p^rmissa annuatī imp^rp̃m p^rcipient et recipient et debitum et fidelem computū inde Aldermanno et Burgensib³ eiusdm ville p tempe existeñ vel residuis cōfeoffatis suis p^rdictē et Burgensib³ p tempe existeñ p defectu Aldermanni singul^r annis imp^rp̃m reddant. Et quod pecunia inde ad finē cuiuslib^t anni de claro recep^t et reseruaf^r ponatur in quadam cista vel aliquo loco conuenienti iux^a discrecōem p^rdcoz Aldermanni, Burgenciū, et feoffatorū, aut dcoz Burgensiū et feoffatoz, ordinand^r itm saluo et secu^r custodiend^r sic q^d ad nullū aliū vsum p^rterq^m ad execu^cōem et pimplecōem hui⁹ mee voluntatis conuertatur. Et hoc sicut ante tribunal dñi n^ri ihu xpī respondere voluerint. In quoz om̃ū et singtoz fidem et testimoniū et vt hec vltime voluntatis mee p^rsens pagina triptite indentata ppetue firmitatē robur opti-

neat cuntis q; innotescat eam et quamlibet ptem eiusdm sigilli mei in pssione corroboram et manu mea pp^a subscripsi die, loco, et anno sup^adictⁱ. Hiis testibz, reuerendo in xpo p^re Robto abbte monasterij de S^co Edm^udo de Bury, Johe priore d^ci moⁿ, et Johe sacrista eiusdm moⁿ, Johe Broughton armig^o, Johe Clopton armig^o, Thoma Drury armig^o, Rog^o Drury armig^o, Thoma Heigham junio^r, Johe Coket de Ampton senio^r, Johe Coket junio^r, Ri^co Batayle, Thoma Symond, Thoma Tyllot, Thoma Germeyn, Wiffo Honyburne, et multis alijs.

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[Lib. Hawlee, f. 304.]

Margarete Odeham, of Bury.—1492.

In the name of God Amen. I, Margarete Odeham, of Bury Seynt Edm^ud's, wedowe, w^t an hooll and clere mende, beyng at Bury aforseid the viij day of Octobr the yere of our Lord God a M^cccccxxxij, make my testament and last wyll in this wyse: Fyrst, I bequethe my soule to God Almyghty and my body to holy chyrche to be buried in the chauncell of the chyrche of Seynt Jamys be myn husbond. I^fm I bequethe to the hygh aughter in the chyrche of Seynt Jamys vj s. viij d. I^fm I bequethe to the covent to (*sic*) the monastery of the chyrche of Seynt Edm^ude in Bury v. m^ar^e for a dirige and a messe of *Requiem*. I^fm I bequethe to eu^y hows of ffryer^e in Cambredg, Lynne, Norwiche, Thetford, Clare, Sudbury, to eche of thes howses vj s. viij d. I^fm I bequethe to the covent of Babbewelle by Bury iij li. I^fm I bequethe to eu^y nunne in the howsys of the townys of Thetford, Shuldham, Wygnale, Blakbowr, Cambredg, Chaterys, Swaffh^m, Denney, Iklyngton, Crabows, Broseyerd, Campsey, and Flixton xij d. I^fm I bequethe to the howsys of ffrerys in Colchest^r, Ipswyche, and Walsyngh^m, to eche of them vj s. viij d. I^fm I be quethe to the couent of Ixworthe xij s. iij d. this I wyll haue do as hastely aft^r my deth as it may cōvenyently be don or ellys be fore my deth. I^fm I wyll that eu^y p^rst beyng at my diryge at my

buryeng day and at my xxx^{ti} day haue xij d. sayng I wole that the paryssh pstre and Seynt Mary pstre of bothe chyrches haue eche of them xvj d. I^m eu^y paryssh clerke vj s. I^m eu^y other clerke at mannys age ij d. I^m eu^y chylde w^t a surplice j d. and eu^y chylde w^toute surplice ob. I^m I wyll that myn executors vysite the pore men and othe^r that be dysposed to take almes eche man and woman and chylde to haue ob. and eu^y bedredman j d. as hastely as it may be don af^r my deth. I^m I wyll that myn executo^rs do make a good dyner as hastely as thei may cōueniently af^r my dethe to my neyghbour^e and other good lou^{er}s. I^m I wole that the p^{is}oners be refresshed w^t mete and drynke at the day of my dener, and I wole that eu^y p^{is}oner haue j d. I^m I wole that the torchys that shall leue af^r my yeere day be depte*d* iij. to Seynt Jamys chirche, oon at the aught*e*r of our Lady, oon at the aught*e*r of Seynt John, and oñ at the aught*e*r of Seynt Lauerens; and iij. to Seynt Mary chyrche, oon at the augh*t* of our Lady, oon at the augh*t* of Seynt Petyr, and oon at the aught*e*r of Seyt Thomas. I^m I wole that vj poore women haue vj blak gownes lyned wyth blanket and vj. blak dobytt hoodys, and the cloth that it be j d. ob in wode. I^m I bequethe to eu^y s^uant that is dwellyng w^t me whanne I dey haue a blak gowne and vj s. viij d. I^m I bequethe to the wyffe of John Banyard a blak gowne. I^m I bequethe to John Malbourgh my sone my best sylu^o salt w^t the curyeng, my best standyng pece of gylte, and my best doseyn syluer sponys, vpon this condiçōn, that he pay suche dett*e* as he oweth vnto me, or elle; the be quest to hym be voyde. I^m I bequethe to John Ansty my sylver salt w^t the curyeng that I vse dayly at my tabyll. I^m I bequethe to a pst for to go to Rome x fi., and I wyll that the seid pst go the stacyōns and sey massys as is accordyng for a pylgryme, and in especia*ll* I wole that the sey*d* pst sey v massys as *scala cely*, and I wole that the sey*d* pst abyde in Rome alle Lenton. I^m I wole that Syr Edmūd Castyr shall contynue in hys s^uyse alle the dayes of hys lyffe if he wyll. I^m I bequethe to my systyr Isabett my

best standyng gowne furred w^t bever and my best kertyll. Iſm I bequethe to my Lady Hogard my narowe gilte gerdyll and innamyld. Iſm I be quethe to the wyffe of Roger Drury of Haus-tede, for the loue that I haue vnto her, my gerdyll that ys velvett vppon saten. Iſm I bequethe vnto Maist^r John Halowe my kynnysman a flatte pece of sylu^o, a blak gowne, and an hood. Iſm I bequethe to Robt Halowe vj. syl^o sponys and a blak gowne. Iſm I be quethe to the wyff of Robt Halowe my best lyned gowne and my cloke. Iſm I be quethe to Maistre; Tendale my flatte gylte cuppe w^t the curyeng. Iſm I bequethe vnto the wyff of my sone Malbourgh my lytell gylte gyrdell. Iſm I bequethe to myn sone Ansty my grene worsted cou^olyght. Iſm I bequethe to Constans Aleyn a peyr of my best shet^e. The resydue of all my goodes aboue not bequethed I geve and bequethe to my execu-toures, to dyspose for the sowle of me and myn husbond, and for the sowlys of them that I am bounde to prey fore, whom I make and ordeyn myn executours John Aleyn gentylman, Edmude Castir clerk, and George Watton clerk; and I wole that eche of them shaft haue a blakke gowne, and ther rewarde for ther labor to be takyn as they thynk in ther conscyens and be the advice of the ordenary. In wytnesse wherof I haue putto my seall. Thee; wytnesse, Jone Brett wedowe, Rychard Kyng mercer, John Brond, John Bamyard, and Thomas Basse. Wretyn the day and yeer aboueseyd.

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In Dei noīe Amē. Thys p^rsent wrytyng indentyd made att Bury Seynt Edmond the xij day off Janua^r the yer of the reigne of Kyng Edward the iiij^{te}, aftyr the Conquest of England xvij. wytneseth that this is the parfyth and last wyll of me Margaret late the wyff off John Odeham of Bury Seynt Edmund aboue seid, in my pure wedowed, made of alle the lond^e wyth an hows set in Bury aforseyd in the Skynn^o Rowe, the whych lond^e lyen in the feelde of Bury aforseyd, that is to say, in the est feld^e, south feld, and

west feld, and in the feldē of Berton be syde Bury, in the feldē of Nowton, Hornyngisherth the Lesse, Hornyngisherthe the More, and Westle, the which londē lying in theȝ places rehersyd, wyth the hows in the Skynner Row aboueseyd, Igeue to Walter Thruston, aldyrman of the towne of Bury Seynt Edmond, Robt Gardyner, William Twaytē the older, Thomas Edon, Clement Clerk, John Foster, Symond Clerk, Thomas Bunning, John Mey the older, Thomas Emmys, John Gowty, William Copynger, Laurens Smyth, Robt Crypppyng, John Salman, William Twaytē the yong^o, John Salt, John Hempston, William Sygo, John Berewey goldsmyth, Reynold Chardero, John Sergeaunt, John Basse, John Sporle, William Lyenge, and to John Mey the yong^o, To haue and to hold the seyde hows, with all the seyde londē, medowes, pastureȝ, w^t all the app^rteñnceȝ, as they be sett and lyen in the townes and feldē aboueseyd, to them and to ther heyeres and to ther assigner^o for eu^omore, of the lordē of that ffee, be the ſuiceȝ therof by ryght dewe and accustomed, for that entent to fulfyllen and execute thys my wyll in all thyngē as ys wretyn and conteyned in thys wrytyng folwyng: Fyrst I wyll that the seyde Margaret haue and receyue duryng my lyff all the yssues, reuenues, and p^rfytes of all the forsayd londys, wyth the hows and ther app^rteñnceȝ, wythoutyn any contradyc^ōn, lette, or in^trupcion of the seyde feoffees or any in her namys. And afftyr my dyscees I wyll that my seyde feffes haue and receyue all man^o yssues and p^rfytes of the seyde hows and londē, wyth all ther app^rteñnceȝ, for eu^omore, to that entent that my seyde feoffes shaft in the worshyppe and honour of God, oure Lady Seynt Mary, and all the holy company off Hevene, ffynde a lampe brennyng be fore the holy Sacramēt in Seynt Jamys chyrche contynually bo^pe day and nyght. Also I wyll that the seyde feffes shall fynde and hyre an honest p^rest of good conu^sacyōn, in the maner of a chauntry preest, p^petually to pray and synge for the sowlis of John Odeham and Margaret hys wyff, and for the sowlis of Margarete and Alys sumtyme wyffes of the seyde John Odeham, our ffadrys, our modrys, and our ij. doughters Margarete

and Anne, John Ansty and John Malburgh ther husbondē, Robt Wyset, our benefactours, and for all crystēn sowlys, thes seyd preest to haue ix marč of lafull mony off Englund yeerly to hys hyre and pencion, the wheche preest shall sey messe at the aughter of Seynt Laurens in the chyrche of Seynt Jamys aforeseyd. Also the seyd preest for evyrmore in eu^y prynsypall ffest thoroughoute the yeer, and eu^y Sunday, and at othyr festē that he thynk necessary or expedyent, shall sey messe in the chapel of the gaole ī Bury afore the prysoners ther, yewyng to them hooly watyr and hooly bred on Sundays. Also I wyll and ordeyn that ther be youe to the prysoners of y^e longe warde of the seyd gaole euery weke vij. fagotes of woode from Halowmesse vnto Eaister yeerly, the pⁱce of the c fagotē ij s. vj d. And the seyd fagotē to be layde and kepte in the seyd hows in the Skynn^o Rowe. Also I wyll that the same ffeoffes the whyche arn and her aft^r shall be in the hows, londē, and tenementē youen to the town of Bury by John Smyth, esquier, shall also in lyke wyse be enfeofed in all my londē and hows aboue rehersyd, wyth ther app^rten^{ce}, and the alenacion of that oon alway to folowe that othyr. Also I graunt to the seyd feffee; and brethern off Candylmesse yilde eu^y yer on Candylmesse day ij s. of mony to drynk in wyne, and I wyll the resydue off yssues and pfytes of my seyd londē be delyd in almesse and othyr dedē of mercy. Also I wyll the aldyrman, dye, and auditours of the sayd Candylmesse yilde haue sup^uysy^on, gou^onaunce, and elec^on off the preest, and also of all the yssues and pfytes of the seyd londē and hows aforeseyd, to fulfyll and p^orme thys my wyll a forn rehersyd, and the seyd feoffes shall make an oothe to fulfyll thys my wyll afore rehersyd before thoo psones and feoffes whych arn sworn to the wyll of the sayd John Smyth. Also I wyll the sayd feoffes in my londē and hows abouesayd, wyth aft^r the brethern of Candylmesse ylde, be partyners of the sayd merytes of the sayd lampe founde be fore the Sacrament, and preest ppetually synggyng, and of the almesse youen in to the gaole afor sayd, and othyr dedys off mercy that shall be dysposid

of the seyd yssues growyng of the seid londē in tyme to come for euyrmore. Also I wyll that thys my wyll eu^y yeer att Candylmesse yilde be redde whan the wyll of John Smyth esquier is redde be forn the seyd brethirn of that yilde. Also I wyll that in the stede of an aldirman, dye, or auditours of the seyd yilde faylyng, than iiij of the lyklyest than leuyng of the seyd ffeoffes shall haue the eleccyon of the seyd preest, supvysion, and gouⁿnaunce of all the londē and hows wyth ther app^ttenⁿce, yssue, and p^fites aforseyd comyng of the same, dysposyng them accordyng to my wyll afore rehersyd, hauyng a speciaⁱl regard for repacion of the sayd hows whan nede shall be. Also I wyll that my seyd feoffes in the londē and hows aboueseyd haue the keypyng of the dedys cōcernyng the same, the terrere wyth that oon partye of thys indentur be putte and kepte in the hutche of the Gyldenhalle and the p^lest for the tyme beyng to haue and kepe that othyr of the indentur in testimony of the trought. Also I wyll that if the seyd preest be nat vertuously disposyd, as is conuenyent to the ordyr of preesthood, that vpon hym dewly preuyd withoute malice or evill wyll, that than the seyd aldyrman, dye, or audytours and feoffes in the stede of them faylyng, shall aff^r resonable warnyng and ther monycion avoyde hym and purvey a nothyr prest of good gydyng and disposycion, the whyche preest I wyll shall calle vpon, meve, and store that all thyngē in my seyd wyll be p^formyd and doon eu^y yere yf he se othyr be slakke or necligent. Also I wyll that all the seyd tenⁿtē be partytakers of the merytes afore rehersyd. And also I wyll that my preest be no comon debite but an helper att nede to deuyne s^uyce. Also I wyll that yff the preest dyscees, and the s^uyce of the seyd chaun^{ty} stonde voyde any t^{me}, shorte or longe, the mony that is gadryd for the seyd preest of the forseyd londē be dysposed to the poore folke in the town of Bury aboueseyd. And I wyll that they that shall haue the labour yeerly for the gadryng of the rentē, yssues, and p^fytes growyng for the seyd londē shall haue for their labour suyche reward as the aldyrman, dye, and auditour; for the tyme beyng, by

ther discrecioũs wyth reward hem of that shall remayne more than s²ue and content the precest, the lampe, and the woode. Also I wyll that as ofte as any of my seyde feoffees assemble to gedyr for any speciall mater concernyng thees p^mysses at the Gyldehalle or ellys where, they shalle haue for to drynk among them vj d. of mony, to be takyn of the yssues and p^fytes of the seyde lond^e aboueseyd. Also I geue and bequeth to Wylliam Thweyte the older, gentylman, Thom^{as} Edon gentylman, William Baret gentylman, Rychard Morysby gentylman, Robt Gardener, Thomas Langham, Thomas Bunning, William Copynger, John Salt, John Meye, Reynold Chardero, John Berewey goldsmyth, John Gowty, Thom^{as} Larke, John Salman, John Sergeaunt, John Basse, Reynold Chyrche, John Elys, Wylliam Honyborne, William Lenge, and Thomas Strayles, ij. tenement^e wyth thapp^rtenaunce; to gedyr sette and lyeng wythynne the burgh of Bury Seynt Edmũd in a strete callyd the Chyrchegatestrete, wyth dy²us other ten^antries sette and lyeng in the markett stede, as the dedys and a state therof made make mencion, to them, there heire; and assignes, to be hadde and holdyn for euyrmore, to thys intent, that after myñ decesse, wyth the yssues and profytes of the same, wyth thapp^rtenaunce, yerely wythoutenende, on the day next after the purificaçon of oure Lady Vyrgyne, in the chyrche of the frerys of Babbewelle, by the couent of the same place for the tyme beyng, *Placebo* and *Dirige* with othyr p^wyerys and obs²uance to them pteynnyng, and vpon the next day after that a messe of *Requiem* shalbe seid and songyn for the sowlys of John Odeham, late myn husbond, the sowle of me the seyde Margarete, the sowlys of our ffather^e and mother^e, the sowlys of Anne and Margarete our doughter^e, and the sowlys of the bretheryn and susteryn of the gylde callid Candylmesse Gylde, holdyn wythynne the burgh aforseyd, ffor the whych *Placebo*, *Dirige*, prayer^e, obs²uance, and messe of *Requiem* the seyde frerys for the tyme beyng, to the vse and profite of ther howse, shall haue yerely, wythouteende, vj s. viij d. of the aldyrman and dye of the gylde aforseyd. Also I wull that after myñ decesse, of

the yssues and profytes of all the londe and tenement^e aforseyd yerely wythoute ende to the couent of the ffrerys of Babbewelle, that ys to seye, to eu^y ffrere for hys part he delt a loof p'ce o^r, and to pore and nedy pepyll the s^e resydue of xx s. be delt in brede at the Gyldehalle of the burgh aforseyd, to praye for the sowlis aforseyd. Also I wyll that the ffrerys of Babbewell haue a copy of this myn p^rsent [writing] and wyll, ther to remayne for euyrmore. Also I wull that aftyr myn decesse be song and kepte yerely wythoute ende in the chyrche of Seynt Jamys of the same burgh a *sangrede* for the sowlis of the seyde John Odeham, Margarete hys wyff, Anne and Margarete ther doughter^e, the soule of John Forster, and for the sowlis of the bretheryn and susteryn of the seyde gylde, for the whyche *sangrede* shalle be payed yerely wythoutend iij s. iiij d. Also I wull that myn chaunterye preest for the tyme beyng haue hys hool dute and sallarie, as well seke as heyll, tyme of hys lyff, so that the p^risoners of the gaole of the seyde burgh be wele s^euyd of messe vpon the Sunday. Also I wull that myn seid chaunterye preest for the tyme beyng, what so evyr he be, shall be a brothyr in the gylde aforseyd. Also I wull that the aldyrman of the seyde gylde, dye, auditorys, feoffys infeoffyd in the seid tenement^e and tenauntries aforseyd, ner non of the bretheren of the forseyd gylde, shall selle nor putte awaye the teⁿt^e and tenⁿtries aforseyd vnto that tyme that they haue p^rchasyd as moche londe, medewe, or pastur as is to the yerely value of the teⁿt^e and tenⁿtries aforseyd. Also I wull that aftyr myn decesse the aldyrman and dye of the seyde gylde for the tyme beyng haue yerely wythoutende for ther labour ij s. and the clerk for redyng of the statutes of the seyde gylde and of my last wyll, whan the last wyll of John Smyth, late of Bury, esquier, owethe to be redde, iiij d. Inⁿ wytnesse of these p^rmysses in thys cedula contentid the same cedula is annexid to myn testament and last wyll indentyd, with my seall asselid, wytnessyng the ryght reu^eent and wurchepfull psonys in the forseyd testament and last wyll indentyd playnly namyd. In to the seight and testymony of all thees thyng^e, and

that this p̄sent wrytyng indentyd in ij partes of this my last wyll may haue strenghte alway to abyde and knowe opynly to all men, I haue sealyd eythyr parte therof in the day, place, and yer aboueseyd, wyttnessyng, the right reuēnt ffadyr in God, Rychard, Abbott of the monastery of Seynt Edmūdc in Bury, and Thomas, Priour of the same, wyth many moo.

[Lib. Pye, f. 8.]

Will^m Honyboorn, of Bury, dyer.—1493.

In the name of God Amen. I, Will^m Honyboorn, of Bury Seynt Edmūde, dyer, the first day of June, the yeer of our Lord God M^cccclxxxiiij. beyng in hooft and p̄ficht mende, at Bury aforseid, make and ordeyn this my p̄sent testament and last will in the man^r and fourme foluyng: First, I bequethe my soule to God Almyghty, his most blessed moder our Lady Seynt Mary, and to all the hooly cumpany of heuyn, and my body to be buried in the chirche yerde of Seynt James. Also I will and ordeyn that p̄ncypaly be fore all thyngē my dettē, truly knowen and p̄ved, ben paid w^touten ony delay. Also I bequethe to the high aughter of Seynt James, in Bury aforneid, for my tythes and offryngē forgetyn and not paid, iij s. iiij d. Also I bequethe to the gilde of the holy name of Jhu, holden at the collage, xij d. Also I bequethe to Kateryn my wyff my best sylu^r pece, vj sylu^r sponys of the best sorte, my cuphord stondyng in my halle, my best ffetherbedde w^t the traunsome, a whyte selour and a testour theron, w^t iij white curteyns therto, a cou^rlight white and blewe lyeng on the same bedde, w^t the blankette, halff a garnyssh of counterfete pewē^r vesseit, ij the grettest ketylles, ij the best sylken gerdelys harneysed w^t sylu^r, and my werst sylken gerdyll, harneysed w^t sylu^r, w^t this condiçon, that she bye another for Anneys my doughter to halff the value of the werst gerdell; a hutche, oon of my best candelstyke, w^t another flatt candelstyke of laton, w^t an c s. in mony. Also I bequethe to Kateryn my wyff my countour stond-

yng in my plour, w^t this condiçon, that she hye another for my
 doughter Anneys, to the value of viij s. Also I bequethe to Tho-
 mas my son iij sylu⁹ sponys of the werste sorte, a pew⁹ basyn, a
 basyn of laton, a copho^r stondyng at the north gate w^t a cheyr
 therby, ij peyr shetys, a peyr blankettē, a matras, a bolster w^t a
 cou⁹light therto. Also I bequethe to Anneys my doughter vj
 sylu⁹ sponys of the best sorte, a ffetherbedde next the best, a mate-
 ras lyeng vnd⁹ the same, iiij peyr shetys, iij pelowes, a peyr
 blankettē, an holow basyn of laton, ij fflat basyns of laton, wherof
 on is w^t bolyons, my best pewter basyn, my best hangyng lauour
 stondyng in my plour, a sars of laton, a chaffyng dysshe of laton,
 halff a garnyss of counto^rfete pewter vessell, iij ketelys of the
 smallest, a brast potte, my sylu⁹ pece next the best, a lowe candil-
 styke of laton, oon of my candelstyke and ij. high candilstyke of
 laton, a whyte selour and a testo^r w^t a dobyll valaunce, iij white
 curteyns, a grene cou⁹light, a peyre bedys of jeete, gaudied w^t co-
 rall, pater nosters sylu⁹ and gilt, a litell spruce forcer, my blewe
 gerdell next the best, harneysed w^t sylu⁹, a stondyng chafour to
 hete in water, a close cheyr, a flatt stoole, a spruce hutche, a cha-
 four w^t a stele, a trevid, a speete w^t an aundeiren, iiij. cushions
 w^t a banker of tapstrywerke. Also I bequethe to the seid Anneys
 my doughter my ij. tenementē set in the Northgatestrete, the
 wiche I p^rchased of John Smyth esquier, to hold to her in ffe
 foreu⁹. The residue of my goodes not gevyn nor bequethed I
 geve and bequethe vnto the disposiçon of myn executo^rs vnder-
 wretyn, to selle, receyve, and distribute in almes and other dedys
 of charite as shalbe thought to them most best for the wele of my
 soule. Also I p^ry and requyre all my coefferes, the wiche ben
 infeffed in my forseid ij tenementē, that thei delyu⁹ an estate vnto
 Agnes my dough⁹ whan so eu⁹ thei be requyred. And of this my
 p^rsent testament and last will I make and ordeyn myn executo^rs
 the forseid Kateryn my wiff and John Boole. And I bequethe
 to the seid John, for his labor, vj s. viij d. In to witnesse of the
 wiche thyng to this p^rsent testament and last will I haue sette my

seale. These witnessen, Richard Emmys, Richard Stok, John Cokett, and other. Yoven the day and yeer abouewretyn.

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[Lib. Pye, f. 19^b.]

John Bawde, of Woolpett.—1501.

In Dei noīe Amen. I John Bawde, of Woolpett, wⁱⁿ the dioc^e of Norwich, the xvij day of the monyth of Apryll, in the yer of our Lord Jhu Crist Mcj^o. by the g^ace of God beyng in full [mind] and p^rpose to seke the holy place wher the blyssyd and holy Apostyll Seynt Jamys lyth, alle tho wyllys abieured and revokyd byfor thys day mad stondyng att no effect, now graunte thys my last wyll and testament, in thys wyse: Fyrst I bequethe my sowle to Almyghty God my maker, our blyssyd Lady the Virgine, and all seynts, my body to reste jn sweche place as God hath prouyd for jt. Also I bequethe to the hye avter of the sayd chyrche of Wolpett in recōpēsying my tythys and offeryngge nēligētly payd xij d. Also I bequethe to the ffryers att Babwell for a trentall to be songe for my soule x s. Also I wyll that the tabernacle of Seynt Jamys weche I ded make jn the north yle, and the troues of the auter ther by, be well and suffyciētly peyntyd and a cloth bough to saue the sayd tabernacle frō soyle; also the stooll weche I ded make, coloord and garnyschyd w^t scalepps and othyr sygnys of Seynt Jamys. Also I bequethe to the gylde of our Lady in Woolpett xij d. Also I bequethe to s^r Nycholas Kyng my godson vj s. viij d. and to eche othyr of my godsonys xij d. Also I wyll and desyr that my executors see that Margaret my wyff haue her yerly pension and dewte growyng frō Will^am my son, lyke as the jndenturē of couenauntē betwen hym and me mad more pleynly declaryth, duryng the terme of the lyff of the sayd Margett, and also the yerly valew of my tenemēt jn Wolpett, and my londē, medewys, and pasturē, and feedynggē weche I holde in the townys of Wolpett and Elmesett be trouly content

to the sayd Margarette my wyff duryng the tyme of her lyff. Also I wyll that my qwyk cataff weche I have jn the hande of John my sone be renewyd jn tyme, sau'd and kept jn as good valew as I leve them jn at my deptyng, and the yerly valew ther to be truly cōtent to the sayd Margarete my wyff duryng the terme of her lyff, except I charge my feffoo's that they delyu² strengthe jn as moche londe as jt most redyest mony to be had for to my executoo's, as they may pfyghthly pforme thys my last wyll and testament. Also I bequethe to Alys my doughter on cors gyrdyll of cooloor blew, harnest w^t sylu¹. Also I bequethe to Jane my doughter jn lawe on cors gyrdyll, coolor blew, harnest w^t sylu² and gylt. Also I bequethe to Margarette Barbor late my suaunt on cors gyrdyll reed, harnesid w^t sylu². Also I bequethe to the Image of our Lady jn the chapell of Wulpett on cors gyrdyll of coloor blak, harnest w^t sylu², her to honor jn that place as longe as it may jndure. Also I bequethe to Robt Coorio^r othyrwyse callyd Tyler on doblett. Also I bequethe to Raff Pie on doblett, on peyr of hosyn. Also I bequethe to Margarette my wyff all my stuff of houshold, as brass, beddyng, and all othyr movable thyngē, excepte my werkyng toole, weche I wyll that John my sone haue. Also I wyll all sweche clothys as I haue, and my wyff also sweche as she may spare att her laist day, bee egally denydyd between John my sone and Alys my doughter. Also I wyll that att the deth of Margarete my wyff be spent xl s. to brynge her to the erthe and jn remēbraunce of me. The residew of my goodē, movable and onmovable, then sparyd, I wyll they holy remayne to John my sone, to holde to h^y, hys eyrs, and hys assignes eu²lastyng. Moreou², if it happe Wyllam my sone to dye w^tout eyrs of hys body lawfully begotyn, than I wyll that the tenemēt namyd the Cok, w^t all the ptynaunce therto belongyng, be solde by the hande of my executoo's, and the mony therof comyng, the fyrst pt, I wyll jt be gwovyn to a pryst to synge for me and all my benefactoo's by the terme of a holl yer, and the ij^{de} pte of the mony, as fast as jt may be receyuyd, I wyll ther be bought on peyr

of orgonys to the chyrche of Wulpett; and all the resydew of mony comyng of the sale of the sayd tenemēt, I wyll jt be bestowyd vpon the lengthyng of the north yle of the sayd chyrche, if the town be dysposyd to helpe forward that werk, or ellys any othyr werk necessary to the sayd chyrche. All this my requeste byfor rehersyd I graunt to be pformyd by the hande of my executoo's, whom I ordeyne and make my welbelouyd jn Crist Thom^{as} Bakou^r, & Nicholas Kyng, and my reuēnt Lord Abbott of the monastery of Seynt Edmūde of Bury to haue the supui-sion, so that they ordeyne and dyspose for the helthe of my soule as they se best God be plesyd, takyng for ther labour acordyng to good cōscience. In w^hness wherof to thys my last wyll and testamēt I haue putt to my seale. Gwouyn att Wolpett byfor sayd the yer and daye abowewretyn.

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[Lib. Bonor, f. 136^b.]

Nicholas Talbot.—1501.

In the name of God, so be yt. In the yeer of oure Lord Jhu Criste Mccccj. the viijth day of the month of June, the xvj yeer of kyng Herry the vijth. I, Nicholas Talbot, beyng in myn hoole mende, make my testament in thys maner as folowth:—Fyrste, I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God my maker, to oure blyssed Seynt Mary, and to alle the seynte in hevyn, and my body, if it happyt me to depte w^hin vij. myle of gret Berkehūstē, to be buryed ther w^hin the chapell of oure Lady, betwyx the ymage of our Lady of Pyte and the ymage of oure Lady of G^ace, w^hin the parysche chyrche of the seyde town. Iīm I bequeth to y^e hyght aughter of the seyde chyrche vj s. viij d. Iīm I bequeth to the chyrche warke; of the same chyrche for the buryng of my body, if it be buryed ther, xx s. If I wyll that a good and vertuse prest

rede and synge for me aft^r my decesse the space of vij yeers; and yf he benot vertuose, I prey you that be myñ executo^rs let hym be changyd. It̃ I will that a prest syng for Jane my wyff the space of an hole yeer. It̃ I will that a p̃st syng for my lady Cecyle, late Duches of Yorke, the space of a hole yeer. It̃ I will that a prest syng and rede for Dauyd Gryffyn, the ffyrst husbond of Jane my wyffe, the space of ij yeer^e. It̃ I wyll that a prest syng the space of ij yeer^e for my brothyr Edmūd^e soule and alle my bretherñ and sustereñ sowlys. It̃ I wyll that a prest immediatly aft^r my decesse rede and synge in Slaeboōry in Bollond the space of an hoole yeer, and to p^ay for all tho that I am dette bownde to do. It̃ I will that a p̃st syng at Stedde in Lancastyr sheyre, where as my ffader and modir is buried, by the space of an hoole yeer, and to prey for all tho that I am dette bownde to do and p^ay for, and for my ffather^e sowle and mother^e and godfather^e and godmother^e and my brederyñ and susteryñ, and for all the sowlys that I haue ony god of [any goods of], ryghthwysly and specyally for thos sowlys that Nicholas, Jane, and Dauyd hath hade ony goods of wrongfully. It̃ I wyll that a p̃st syng by the space of a hoole yeer for the sowlys of Syr Willelm Ioies late pson of Blythburgh, Syr Herry Mathew late pson of Berkeh^amstede, Syr John Moyr late pson of the same, and also late pson of the North chyrche, and Syr Thomas Ly late pson of Berkeh^amstede, and for Syr Herry Hymnorth nowe pson of Blythburgh, and for all the sowlys that I haue do ony wrong on to or fare the bettyr by. And to all curat^e that I haue don ony wrong in payng of my tithe³. And I bequeth to the ornamēt^e of the chyrche of Blythburgh xxxij s. iiij d. It̃ I bequeth to the charg^e of the tax that shall falle aft^r my decesse to the inhⁱtoō^rs in the seydtowne for sweche wrong^e as I haue don wyth my catell, and I bechese them that ben on lyve to p^ay for them that ben deptyd that I haue don wrong vnto, vj s. viij d. It̃m I bequeth ij quarters of malt to be distrybute to the pore peopyll of the seydt chyrche or pysche, or as myche mony as ij

quarters shall drawe to, aft^r iij s. iiij d. the quarter. If I bequethe [to the curate ?] of the same town for the tyme beyng xij d. Iſm I bequeth to the psychooñs of the town of Greyngham iij quarters of malt, to be distribute amonge the pore peopyll of the same towne. If I bequeth to ward the charge of the taxe next folowyng aft^r my decesse, for sweche wronge as I haue don to them w^t my catell, v s. and I bechese them that ben on lyve to p^ay for them that ben deptyd that I haue don wrong onto. If I bequeth to the curate of the same towne for the tyme beyng xij d. Iſm I bequeth to the towuñ of Wyllyngton, towards the charge of the taxe, or as them semyth beste for them, for sweche wronge as I haue do to them w^t my catell, vj s. viij d., and I bechese them that ben on live to prey for them that ben deptyd that I haue don wrong onto. If I bequeth to the curate of the same towne for the tyme beyng xij d. If I bequeth to y^e town of Waddyngham, toward the taxe, for sweche wronge as I haue don w^t my catell, iij s. iiij d., and I bechese them that been on lyve to prey for them that ben deptyd that I haue don wrong onto. If I bequeth to the curate of the same chyrche callyd Seynt Mary chyrche in the same towuñ for the tyme beyng vj d. Iſm I bequeth to the curate of Seynt Petyr chyrche in the same towuñ for the tyme beyng vj d. Iſm I bequeth to the vilaḡ of Snerterby, for sweche charge as I haue takyn of them wyth my catell, x s. If I bequeth to the curate of the seyde vilage for the tyme beyng xij d. Iſm to the curate of Kyrktoon, in Lyndese, for the tyme beyng xij d. Iſm I bequeth to the vicar of Bushtop Norton for the tyme beyng, to prey for my sowle, xij d. and I bechese and p^ay all the forseyd curatys for the tyme beyng to bechese all ther psychyners aft^r my decesse to p^ay for my sowle, and to forgeue me that I haue trespasyd agyn them, and to p^ay for the sowlys that was of ther psycheners that ben past that I haue trespasyd on to. Iſm I bequeth to my lady Kateryn, my lord Will^am of Suff. wyff, a ryng w^t a dyamond therin. Iſm I bequeth to John Sowthword, my lord Will^am seruauant, a doblet of veluet. Iſm I bequeth to Antony, my lord

Will^am S^uaunt, v s. If I bequeth to Mystres Elizabeth, dwellyng w^t my lady Kateryn, a relyke that hangyth a bowt my necke w^t ij ymage ther vpon, that on of our lord the othyr of our lady. If I bequeth to Maysteres Anne Ewelme, dwellyng w^t my seyde lady Kateryn, a ymage of gold of the ffygure of Seynt Vryeos. If I bequeth to my lady Anne Sulyard of Wethyrden a Seynt Gregorius pyte of gold enamelyd and a lytyll boke that she gaue me. If I bequeth to my neve Gylis Talbot iij s. If I bequeth to my neve Edmūd Talbot xl s. If I wyll that my neve Geylys Levesey haue xl s. If I bequeth to Edmūde Leuesey xx s. And to Nicholas Levesey x s. If I bequeth to my cosyn Richard Batyrsby a long gown worth xx s. or ellys xx s. in mony, to prey for my sowle. If I bequeth to Raff Ashton xx^{ti} ewys. If I bequeth to Richard Ward, my S^uaunt, that tenement, wyth the apptenauce, in Blyburgh, wyche I purchyd of Billyall, in the weche the seyde Richard dwellyth, to whom I geue and bequeth the same ffor sweche true S^uyce as he hath don to me, and trust that he wyll do to my soule. If I bequeth to the seide Ri^{ch} Ward xx^{ti} ewys and my syde taw^yney gown. If I bequeth to Gylbert Talbot iij s. vj s. viij d. in mony or in mony worth. If I bequeth to John Nyxson late of Barkh^amstede x s. If I bequeth to Robert Franke v s. If I bequeth to John Herryson, yf he lyue aft^r me, vj s. viij d. If I bequeth to Willm Kyrkeby iij s. iiij d. If I bequeth to Herry Tompson iij s. iiij d. Thes forseide psones dwellyng w^t my lady Cecile Duches of Yorke, on whos soulis Ihu haue m^{er}cy. If I bequeth to S^r Thomas Ryle pst, late of Berk^amstede, v s. If I bequeth to Will^am Ryche of the seyde Berk^amstede iij s. iiij d. If I bequeth to John Lavrence of the same town iij s. iiij d. If I bequeth to Owayn Will^am Receyū of Berk^amstede ij yerds of damaske. If I bequeth to the pson of Berk^amstede a Seynt Antony crosse. If I bequeth to Will^am Petit x s. If I bequethe to Nicholas Eu^oard, my S^uaunt, x s. If I bequeth to Mas^r Richard Hyndm^{er}che pson of Blyburgh x s. If I bequeth to Thomas my S^uaunt, Thomas Smyth, x s. If I

I bequeth to Herry Hernes my ſuaunt and to hys wyff the ij. howsys w^t the close w^towt the Estgate of the maner of Blyburght duryng the lyffe of my lady Elisabeth the duches of Suff. Iſm I bequeth to the seyd Herry Hernes iiij. kye and xx^{ti} ewys, sweche as he wyll take, and a doblet of leder. Iſm I bequeth to Robert Novell and Alys his wyff v s. Iſm I bequeth to Thomas West my ſuaunt xx s. and hys waĝs and my rydyng gown, furryd as y^t is. Iſ I bequeth to Will^m Graunte that was my ſuaunt, he dwellyth in Abyngton, v s. Iſ I bequeth to John Arundell late my ſuaunt vj s. viij d. Iſ forgevenes of iiij^{ti}. weche he owyth me and more mony. Iſ I bequeth to George Tendall, late my ſuaunt, xiiij s. iiij d. and my tawney gown furryd w^t ffuxe. Iſ I bequethe to the wardens of the chyrche of Suthwell, to eche on of them viij d. Iſm I bequethe to the vicars and to the chawñery pstys in the seyd chyrche, to sey *Diryge* and messe for my soule, to eche of them vj d. and to mynysters and queresteres aſ^d the rate. Iſm I bequeth to Thomas Borowe, late ſuaunt wyth my brothyr Mas^d Will^m, vj s. viij d. Iſ I bequeth to Janet Glover dwellyng in Cledro in Lancastyr iiij s. iiij d. And to be distribute for hyr fader soule and hyr moder soule iiij s. iiij d. and if she be deptyd, that then the seyd vj s. viij d. be distribute for all ther soulys. Iſm I bequeth to the iiij. orders of ffryers in London l s., that is to sey, the blake ffryers xx s., and grey ffryers and to the wyte ffryers and to the austen ffryers, to eche of them x s. Iſm I bequeth to the p^{son}ers in Newgate, Ludgate, to the Kyngs Benche, and to the Marshalsy, to eche of them vj s. viij d. and to be delyu^yd to them in brede. Iſ I will the tenemēt wythe appten^{nce}z lying in the town and ffelds of Grengh^m aforseyd, the weche I purchased of Robert Novell, aſ^d my decesse remaynyng to heyre^z of Will^m Roger and to the heyres of hys body lawfully begotyn for eūmore, Iſm I will that if the forseyd Robert Novell decesse before me. that than immediatly the forseyd tenement, w^t all the apptenaunce^z therto be longyng, remayne to y^e right heyre^z of the forseyd Wiſſm Roger of hys body lawfully begotyn for eu⁹more. Iſm

I will that my tenaynts in Greng^ham, that is to sey, Semp^ryngh^am Barbyr and John Stevenson, be depdond of y^e half of all ther rents that xall be due oñ to me to the Mychelmesse next aff my decesse, if thei be my tenante at that tyme. If I will that all suche londs as I haue in Sledbōy-Wodhuse in Bollond, at Michelmesse aff the day of my dicesse, remayne to Gyls Talbot and to hys heyres of hys body lawfully begotyn for eu^omore; and for defaute of heyres, retorne to the yssue of my sustyr Anne Levesey and to hyr heyrers of hyr body laufully begotyn. Ifm I bequeth to Wifm Levesey iij score of shepe as he hath wyth hym of myn. Ifm I will that Syr John Talbot knyth haue my best gown. If I bequeth to Edmūd Talbot, the heyer of Basehall, my blake gowun lyned w^t sarsenet. If I will that ther be disposyd in almesse, in a recompense of suche mony as I haue wanne or loste in gamyng, xx s. If I bequeth to John Wythe x s. If to Richard Esmond my blake gowun lyned, and vj s. viij d. If I bequeth to Richard Grey v s.; and to Arthur Cotell v s.; and to Robert Thorn v s.; and to Robt Donne v s.; and to Walter Evonnott iij s. iiij d. If to Jamys Hunnter vj s. viij d. If to Mastres Norsh v s. If to Elizabeth Puñnh^am iij s. iiij d. If to Will^am Pynner v s. Ifm I bequeth to Richard Sutton iij li. If to Herry Tetyngworth iij li.; and to Richard Ward xl s.; and to Syr John Pecoke xl s. If I bequeth to Mast^r Doctor Curteys, the p^oor of the Fryers Austyns in Norwysche, vj s. viij d. Ifm I bequeth to the brethern in the same howse of the Fryers Austeyns, to be distributed among them, vj s. viij d. If I bequeth to John Chambyr, prentyse w^t my cosyn Chatherall in London, xx d. If I bequeth to the Whyte Fryers in Aylysfford xxvj s. viij d. that I lent to the p^oor of the same howse, and to the seyde sūme I geue them iij s. iiij d., and so the hole sūme is xxx s., for the weche xxx s. I will that the forseyd ffryers sey for the helth of my soule iij trentalls. Ifm I will that Mas^r Raff Werney haue my gret ryng w^t a diamond therin; and my mystres his wiff a lityll chyst of yvery. If I will that Syr Thomas Marke haue

vj s. viij d. ; and Mas̃ Hedyngton v s. ; and to John Penyng ij s. Iť to Syr Thom^{as}, my lord Wiłm p̃st, iij s. iij d. Iť I will that ther be distribute for the soule of my ſuaunt Robert Blakall late decessed vj. s. viij d. Iť I will that all suche howsys and lande as I haue wⁱⁿ the towne or felds of Grengl^{am} be sold by the advise of myn executo^{rs}, and to be disposyd for my soule and Jane my wyff, my ffather^e soule, my mother^e soule, my godfathyr^e soule, my godmother^e soule, my bretheren and susterens sowlys, and Dany Gryffyn sowle. Iť I will that my chene of gold and my crosse of gold, conteynyng in weyte xvj vñce and di., be sold by myn executo^{rs}, and the mony therof comyng to go to the pformance of thys my testament. Iť I will that John Etoon haue alowyd iij li. to hym of the laste payment of mony that he owyth on to me. The residue of all my good^e, catalle, and dett^e what so euⁿ thei be, not bequethed, aft^r my dett^e payd, my funerall expens^s done, and these my legatte herin conteynyth truly fulfyllyd, I geue and bequeth hooly to Richard Suttoon, to Herry Tetyngworth, Richard Ward, and to Syr John Pacoke prest, whom I make myn executo^{rs}, thei to distribute the seyde residue for the helth of my soule in dede of m^ocy, pety, and scharite, as thei will answer afore Jhu our maker and redemer, and I bequeth them for ther labo^r that is aboue bequethed to them. And of thys my p̃sent testament, I ordeyn and make my lord Wiłm of Suff. supviso^r ; and I bequeth to the seyde lord Wiłm for hys labo^r a ryng of gold w^t a toorkes set in. Iť and a sperver of sylke w^t a cowntyr poynte of the same. Witnesse of thys my p̃sent testament and last wyll, Wiłm of Moor, of Bury Seynt Edmuds, yoman.

Probat. 4 Aug. 1501.

[Lib. Pye, f. 114^b.]

John Coote.—1502.

In the name of God Amen. The xvijth day of Decembyr, the ye^r of our Lord God M^lcccc and ij, I, John Coote, beyng in

good and ryght mende, make my wyll and testament in thys wysse: Fyrste, I bequeth my soule to Almighty God, to our lady Seynt Mary, and to all the seynte in hevyn, and my body to be buried in the chyrchejerde by my fader and moder, and myn chyl dren, and by the grave of Mast^r John Mosse, pst. Also I bequeth to the hight aught^r in Seynt Mary chyrche for fawte of thithyng and offryng nectlygently forgotyn iij s. iiij d. I^m I bequeth to Seynt Nicholas Gild, named Dusse Gild, holden in the colage iij s. iiij d. I^m I bequeth to the fryers of Babbewell xx d. Also I bequeth to Margete Davy, Elyzabeth London, and Mawte Midilton, eche of them xij d. Also I wole so aft^r my decesse to haue ij crossys goodly of tymbyr, oñ at my hede the tother at my feete, wyth my armys y^o upon, and also a wrytyng to p^ay the peopyll of ther charite to p^ay for my soule. Also I wyll that at my thyrttyday the pste of the colage to haue a dyner among themselves in the colage, aft^r the discession of myn executo^rs & supvisor. Also I wyll the same day my neyghbours dwellyng aboute my place haue a dyner in my seyde place. Ferthermore, I will that at my buryng day y^o be delte xl s. in brede at my dore, or ell^e in some other conveyent place. Also I will the day beforⁿ my thyrttyday vj s. viij d. to be delte in bedred meñ or womeñ, and ther where it xalbe moste nedefull; and also the day aforⁿ or the day aft^r my thyrttyday the prisoners in the jayle to haue as moche mete and drynke as cometh to the valewe of ij s.; and the day of my thyrttyday I will neyther ryngyn nor belman goynge, bute thys to be don in secrete man^o vndyr thys forme afore rehersed. I^m I will yat my wyff haue, terme of hyr lyffe, alle my plate, brasse, pewter, hanggyng^e, celers, testers, fetherbedde, traunsoms, coulytes, blankette, shet^e, pelous, and all other stuff of hussold; and I bequeth to Wille^m Coote, aft^r my decesse and hys moders, myñ sylu^o salt wyth y^e cure, and Alys Coote the other w^toute the cure; also Wille^m Coote to haue my beste p^{ce}e wyth the cu^r, and Alys Coote to haue the ij^{de} pece w^towte the cu^r; and Wille^m Coote the iij^{de} pece, and Alys Coote

the iiijth. Also I will that Will^am Coote haue vj. beste sponys, and Alys Coote vj. sponys next the beste, and vj. other olde sponys. Also I wole that Alys Coote haue my powder boxe of sylu^o. Also I will that Will^am Coote haue my beste hanged bede, celer, testor, and curteyns longgyng to the same, the beste fetherbede, the beste cou^ylyght, the beste peyer of blankettē, the beste peyer shetē; and Alys Coote to haue the next hanged bede, celer, and testor, wyth the ij^de fetherbede, blankettē, and the ij^de peyer shetē; and so depte brasse, pewter betwyx them after the discession of myn supvisor. Ferthermore I will that Will^am Coote haue my ij beste sprus chestē, and Alys Coote the ij^de, wyth the beste cofer in the olde chambyr. Also I will that Will^am Coote haue the hanggē in the halle, and also the conter standyng in the plo^r; and Alys Coote the beste faldyng table next that. The residue of my goode; not bequethed I comete to the discession of myn executors, whom I make Margarete my wyff, yff she fortune to ou^ylyve me, and Will^am Coote my sone; and I make Thomas myn supvisor, &c.

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[Lib. Pye, f. 123.]

William Baret of Bury, Gent.—1502.

In the name of God Amen. I Will^am Baret of Bury Seynt Edmond gen^t, w^t an hool and good mynde, beyng at Bury forseid, the first day of August, in the yeer of our Lord God M^ccccccij, make my testament and last will in man^o and forme folowyng: First I bequethe and comende my sowle to Almyghty God, to his most blessid modir our lady Seynt Mary, and to all the seyntes in heven; and my body to be beryed in Seynt Mary chirche by the grave of John Baret myn vnkell; and I will ou^y my grave be leid a graveston of marbull. I^fm I bequethe to the chirch aforseid, for my tithes and offerynges forgotten and to litill payed, and for the helthe of my sowle, vj s. viij d. I^fm I will myn exe^c shall fynde a prest to go to the court of Rome, and there to prey for my sowle,

and the sowle of Geffrey Baret my ffader, as oder prestes do that go to Rome, and whan he comyth hom from Rome, I will the same prest shall kepe and make vp a yeer ³uyse at Cratfeld, ther to prey for the seid soules after his comyng hom. And I will he haue for his labo^r as myn exe^c and he can agree. I^m I bequethe to the ffireres of Babbewell for to sey a trentall of Seynt Gregory for my soule x s. I^m I bequethe to y^e beldyng of the newe stepill in the monas^ty of Seynt Edmond in Bury forseid, x s. I^m I bequethe to Anne my wyff all my londs, teⁿts, medewes, pastur^e, woodes, ffedyng^e, rent^e, and ³uyses, w^t all ther apportenⁿts, ffree and copy, that I haue w^thyn the townes of Cratfeld and Lynsted, in the counte of Suff., to haue and to holde to the seid Anne, her heir^e, and asseignes for eu⁹. I^m I bequethe to the seid Anne my wyff my tenement, w^t the apportynⁿces, stondyng in the gret market in Bury forseid, w^t the bernes and gardynes therto belongyng whiche ar sette and lyen on the bakside, callid the diches, ou⁹ and ayen the seyd tenement, and ij tenement^e stondyng in the seid gret market ou⁹ ayen the seid tene-ment, to haue and to holde them to the seid Anne, her heir^e, and as-signes, toward the charges of this my testament. I^m I bequethe to the seid Anne my wyff all myn hostilment^e, vtensiles, and jowell^e to me in ony wyse belongyng. The residue of all my lond^e, teⁿte, medewes, ffedyng^e, pastur^e, rentes, and ³uyses, ffree and copy, that I haue w^thyn the seid town of Bury or in ony oder town w^thyn the sheres of Suff. and Norff., and all my goodes and catell mevable and vnmeuable not bequethid, and all my dett^e, I geve and bequethe them ffirely to the seid Anne my wyff, to take, selle, and resseyve, and to dispose in payng of my dett^e, p^rformyng this my testament and last will, and to do for my soule and all my ffrend^e soules that I am bounde to pray fore as she shall thynke best to the most plesur of God. I^m I pray and requyre all my cofeffees that ben enfeoffed of and in ony of my seid lond^e, teⁿtes, medewes, ffedyng^e, pastur^e, rent^e, and ³uyses w^t thapportenⁿce, to delyue all suche estate and possession as they haue therein accordyng to this my will whan so eu⁹ they be therto requyred. And of this my testa-

ment and last will I make myn executrix the seid Anne my wyff. Also I constitute and ordeyne my right reuēd ffader in God lord Will^am Codenh^am, abbot of the seid monast^y, Supvisor of this my testament and last will, besechyng hym to be myn especiall good lord to aide and helpe myn executrix that this my testament and last will may be truly executid and fulfillid. Into witnesse herof to these p^rsentes I haue put my scale. These witnessen, John Sampson, Will^am Mey, Thom^as Brown, and other.

Probat. penult. Julij, 1504.

[Lib. Pye, f. 154.]

Anne Baret, of Bury.—1504.

In the name of God Amen. I Anne Baret, of Bury Seynt Edmund, wedowe, w^t an hole and a good mynde, beyng at Bury aforseid, the xxjth day of August, in the yeer of ou^r Lord M^diiij, yer make my testament and last wyll in this man^{er}, wyse, and forme folowyng: Inp^rmis I bequeth my soule to God Almyghty, to ou^r lady Seynt Mary, and to all the Seynt^e in hevyn; and my body to be buried in Seynt Mary church, by the grave of Will^am Baret late my husbond. I^fm I bequeth to the hyght augh^t in the church of ou^r lady in Bury aforseid, for my tythez and offeryng^e forgotyn and not payd, and for the helth of my soule xx s. I^fm I wyll that an honest p^rst and a queerman shall syng for my soule, and for the soule of Will^am Baret late myn husbond, and for the soullys of Thom^as Lytyll and John Appylby, and for my ffaders and moderys soull^e, and all my good ffrend^e soullys that I am bownd or indett to p^ay for, by the space of xxth yeerys, in the church of ou^r Lady in Bury aforseid, at the Resurrecc^on augh^t, and takyng for hys stypend as myn executo^rs and he can agre. I^fm I bequethe to the ffryers of Babbewell, for to make a glasse wyndowe or twayne, vj li. or more, aft^r the dyscrecion of myn executo^rs. I^fm I bequeth to the newe werk at Seynt Jamys churches ende x li. I^fm I wyll that myn executo^rs shall by a messbook suffycient, w^t all other thyng^e necessary for a prist to syng messe yn, w^t curteyns

and aught clothes necessary, which messebook, chalys, vestment, and othyr stuff I wyll it shall remayn at the Resurreccōn aught aforseid to the woorshyppe of God as longe as yt may endure. Iīm I wyll that all my londys and teñts, medows, fedyngē, and pasturs, woodē, rentē, and s^ouyce that I haue in Watton, in the counte of Norff., shall remayn to the pformaōn of the p^oste s^ouyce duryng the seid xx^{ti} yeerys. Iīm I wyll that myn executo^rs shall immediatly aft^r my decesse, asson as thei can purchase as mych lond more as shall makuppe the valo^r of xj marē by yeer w^t the seid londē in Watton, wherof I wyll the seid pryst shall haue hys yearly stypend duryng the seid terme of xx^{ti} yeers, as myn executo^rs and he can agre. And the resydue of the seid xj marē by yeer, aft^r the pryst be sūyd and the repaōns kepyd, I wyll yt be dysposyd to poor ffolke wher most neede ys duryng the seid xx^{ti} yeers; and aft^r the seid xx^{ti} yeerys, and the p^oste seruyces ended, I wyll the p^ostte of all my seid londys and teñtē in Watton aforseid, and all the londys, teñtē, that my executo^rs shall purchasse aft^r my dyscesse to make uppe the seid xj marē by yeer, shall remayn forth in the feoffe; handē for eū, to this entent folowyng, wheroff I wyll the p^osoners beyng in the gayle shall haue iiij marē, to be gevyn them in thyngē most necessary for them at iiij tymys in the yeer at ther most neede. And xl s. of the same xj marē by yeer I wyll yt be gevyn amongē poore scolers, to help them to ther exhibōn and lernyng, tho that be good and honest; and the resydue of the seid xj marē by yeer, aft^r the charges and the repaōns be horn, I wyll a part be gevyn to poore maydyns that be honest and good at ther maryage, and a pte to be spent in hy weyys; and thus, aft^r the seid foorme to be orderyd, eū aft^r that xx^{ti} yeer of the p^oste be ffynysshed. Iīm I wyll that all the seid londys and teñts, w^t the premysse; in Watton aforseid, as weele all the londē which my executo^rs shall purchace to the yearly valo^r of xj marē, shall eū remayn in xx honest persons beyng of the town of Bury, to be ffeoffes of the p^omysses; and asson as xij of them be dede, I wyll the viij beyng alyve shall cause a newe alyenaōn to be made upp

to the hole numbyr of xx^{ti} psones as yt ys be forseid, and so to be orderyd for eu^y affⁿ. And aft^r the dyscease of myn executo^rs I will the seid feoffe^r; shall chose ij of the seid ffeoffees so to be supvysers and ouseers of the p^rmisses, and to resewe the p^rfytt^e and to dyspose them as ys beforseid. And the ij psones that be supvysors to have for their labo^rs yche of them yeerly iij s. iiij d. And I wyll eu^y yeer that thos ij psones which for the tyme beyng that shall haue the ou^rsyght of the seid lond^e and teñt^e, w^t the p^rmysses, shall make ther acompte in Seynt Mary church to the other pte of the feoffees, w^t a pte of s^bstancyall folkys of the seid parych, how they haue dysposyd the seid xj mar^c be yeer; and thus to be orderyd yeerly forth for eu^y. And I wyll, yf yt fortune that the Kyng heraft^r wyll not suffyr the seid londys and teñt^e to contynu aft^r the forme aforseid, I wyll the seyd lond^e and teñt^e shalbe sold be myn executo^rs, and by them to be dysposyd for my soule, and all my ffrend^e soull^e, jn suche ded^e of charyte as thei shall thynk most plesur to God and profyte to my soule. I^m I wyll that immedyatly aft^r my dyscease that the p^rst shall begynne of the xx^{ti} yeers sⁱuyce, as ys aforseid, tyll Edmund Goodbody my godson be a p^rst, and than I wyll he shall haue the seid sⁱuyce, w^tout he be otherwyse promotyd, and yf he be p^rmotyd I wyll another p^rst shall haue the seid sⁱuyce. And I wyll the seid Edmund Goodbody shall be fownd to scoole w^t my good^e tyll he be of lawfull age to be prystyd. I^m I bequeth to the byldyng of the newe stepyll in the moñ of Seynt Edmund v mar^c. I^m I wyll my executo^rs shall do keepe a comon *Dyryge* and a messe of *Requiem* in the moñ of Seynt Edmund. I^m I bequeth to Stansted Church an hole vestment and a cope to the valo^r of x li. And to Belcham Churche in lyke man^r. I^m I wyll that myn executo^rs shall geve to xx^{ti} maydens that be honest to ther maryage, tho that haue neede, to yche of them xij pecys of pewtyr, that ys to sey, iiij platers, iiij dysshys, and iiij sawssers, and ych of them a pew^r basyn, an ewer therto, or els a quart pott of pew^r or of a pottell. I^m I bequethe to ych of my godcheldern vj s. viij d. I^m I bequeth to Elyano my sⁱu^ante v. mar^c, to be payd hyr at

xx^{ti} yeer of age, and yf she be maryed or that tym, I wyll she haue yt at hyr maryage. Iſm I bequeth to Aveyse my ſuⁿte x mar^c, a ffether bedd, a traunsom, a payre shet^e, a payre blankett^e, a coulyght, to be delyu^yyd hyr at hyr mariage, yf she wyll be goũnyd aſt myn executo^rs, orell^e I wyll she shall not haue her bequest^e. Iſm I bequeth to Kateryn my russett gown furryd, and my rede corse gyrdyll harneysyd w^t sylu^o. Iſm I bequeth to Kateryn Cook my sangweyn gown furryd, and my corse gyrdyll grene and rede, and my corall bedys, the byggest. Iſm I bequeth to the same Kateryn Cook my coffyr of syprys. Iſm I bequeth to Elizabeth Jeage my goddought^r, a payr bedys of corall of thyrse sixty, and a brode corse gyrdyll of purpyll colo^r harneysyd w^t syluyr and gylt. Iſm I bequeth to Mary Jermyn my goddough^t a brode corse gyrdyll of blewe harnesd w^t syluyr and gylt. Iſm I bequeth to John Cook a baggryng of sylu^o, and my countyr stondyng in the new hall. Iſm I bequeth to John Goodbodys wyff my gyrdyll of blak veluett. Iſm I bequeth to ou^r Lady of Walsyngh^m my corall bedys of thrys fyfty, and my maryeng ryng, w^t all thynghys hangyng theron. Iſm I bequeth to Willm Mannyng vj s. viij d. and my cobord stondyng in my parlo^r be the wey. Iſm I bequeth to Wiſſm Powle, cappar, a fetherbed and a tabyll callyd a counto^r. Iſm I bequeth to my lord abbott of Bury Saint Edmund my grete bedys of whyght ambyr. Iſm I bequeth to John Goodbody my counto^r stondyng at my other howse. Iſm I bequeth to Kateryn Goodbody vj s. viij d. Iſm I bequeth to Thomas Cook, the sune of John Cook, my tenement and closys that I haue in Hornyngeserth the Mor, to hold to hym and to hys heire^e foreu^o. Iſm I wyll that the seid Thom^as Cook shall be fownd w^t the pte of my goodys that shall be sparyd and my testament fulfyllyd. Iſm I wyll all my teſt^e, barnys, gardeyns, and closys that I haue wⁱn the town of Bury Seynt Edmund shall ben sold to the best p^oce thei canne, be my executo^rs, for to pform thys my testament and last wyll. Iſm I wyll that John Plandon shall by my howse that I haue in Garlond Streete for xl ti. yf he lyke yt, to be payd in

resonabyll yeerys as he can agre w^t myn executo^rs. The resydue of all my goodys and catallys, meveable and vnmeeveable, w^t all my jowell^e and dett^e nor geven nor bequethed, I bequethe and assyngne them vnto myn executo^rs, to take, sell, receyve, and dyspose; payng of my dett^e and p^rformyng thys my wyll and testament, and to do such good dedys as they shall thynk most plesur to God and p^rfyt to my soule and all my good ffrendys soullys. I^fm I wyll myn executo^rs shall p^rform my husbond Baretty's wyll that ys for to do. I^fm I p^ray and require my cofeoffes that be infeoffed of and in ony of my seid londys and teñt^e, w^t all the p^rmisses, to delyu⁹ all ther astate and possession that thei haue ther in vnto myn executo^rs, and to such p^rsons as thei wyll name, whansocū thei be required therto, accordyng to thys my wyll. And of this my testament and last wyll I make and ordeyn myn executo^rs John Cook and John Goodbody. And I bequeth to yche of them for ther labo^r xl s. And also I constytute and ordeyn to be supvyso^r of this my testament and last wyll the ryght woorshupfull my lord Abbott of Bury, and I geve onto hym for hys labo^r xl s. In wytnesse wherof to thes p^rsentes I haue putto my seale. Thes wytnesses, M. Robt Stylyard, Will^am Hunne, Herry Brown, rough mason, Thom^as Godfrey, and other. I^fm I wyll that Rose Plandon shall haue x mar^c. I^fm I wyll that Mast^r Jowell shall haue vj s. viij d.

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[Lib. Pye, f. 162^b.]

John Hedge, of Bury.—1504.

In Dei noīe Amen. I Johan Hedge, of Bury, in the county of Suff. beyng in good and hole mynd, at Bury aforseid, the xxviiij day of App^rl in the yeer of oure Lord God M^cciiij, make my wyll and testament as y^t apparyth folowyng: Fyrst I heqweth my soule to Almyghty God, to our Lady Seynt Mary, and to all the seynt^e in hevyn; and my body to be buried in the church of Seynt Jamys.

And I beqweth to the seid churche for my sepultur vj s. viij d. Iīm I beqweth to the Curat of the seid church iiij s. iiij d. for a sangred to be payed for in the bedroule for my soule and all my good ffrendē soult by the space of a yeer complete. Iīm I beqweth to the awter of the seid church, for my tythe; and dewte; neglygently doñ and forgotten, xl s. Iīm I beqweth on to Agnes my wyff my teñt in Bury in the Shypm^oket by twyn the teñt of Roñt Punder on the south part and the teñt late Roñt Crofte on the north parte, w^t the bern and gardyn llyng att the bak gate in the west part of y^e same teñt, in the suburbys of the seid borow, as long as she leuyth as a wedow, w^tall the hostylmentē and meveabyll goods, except tho y^t bene except as y^t apperith folowyng, that ys to sey, I beqweth to my iiij chylderñ ych of them a maser bownd w^t sylu^o and gylt, a pece of sylu^o, and vj sponys, a ffethyrbed, a bolster, a pylow of down, a payyer of shetē, a payyr of blankettē, and to ych of them a coulyght. Iīm I wyll that all my brasse, pewter, latyn, spyttys, rakks, coñnys, aundernnys, treuettē, tongs, w^t all other iryn werkē moueabyll w^tin my howse longyng, to be deptyd between my chyl dren, by the pownd, by myn executo^rs, and that ych of them haue of lyke value as ny as y^t can be deuyded, as I wyll y^t myn exeč shall mak them a delyu^oy w^tin xij dayes off my dysseste and my wyffes, except y^t Agnes my wyff wyll delyu^oy y^t hyr own hondē, accordyng vnto the indenturē therof mad. Iīm I will that Agnes my wyff shall haue a key of my bern and gardyn that ys afornamyd, yf she be [un] maryed, ther for to haue herbys y^t shalbe nessessary for hyr howse, and half y^e ffrutē eu^oy yeer as long as she lyuyth, w^towt ony geynseyyng of pson or psones. And I will that my ffeoffē; shall make hur a lawful astate therof duryng hyr lyff whan y^t they be required by hur or by ony in hur name, and the evydence to be made to hur at my cost and charge, and delyuyd on to hyr or to hur assygnēs. And yf my wyff be maryed, then I wyll and beqweth vnto Roñt my son my teñt, bern, and gardyn befor namyd, to hym and to hys issu lawfully begotyn, and I wyll that he shall entyr and take possessyon by y^e space of

iiij monthys complet next aft^r the day of my wyffys maryage, w^howt ony geynseyng of hur or of ony in hur name, vppon that condycōn y^t my sonne Robt be of good dyspocyōn and do to the plesur of my wyff and myn executo's, or ell^e he for to entyr at assigment^e. Also I wyll that my wyff nor non other pson nor psones shall remeue owt of the seid teñt non implymnts nor nessessarys as y^t apperyth vnd^r wretyn at hur deptyng, nor no tyme befor. And yf Robt my sonne dysseste w^howt yssue lawfully begotyn, then I wyll that Margaret my doughter shall haue yt vnto hur issue lawfully begoten, as ys befor namyd. Also I wyll that my sonne which shall entyr in to the seid teñt w^t the ptinent^e, or ony dough^t of myn, or ony other issue for lak of jssu of my sonnys, I wull that they shall haue all brewyng ledys, growt brasse bruyng vessel^t, tonnyng vessel^t, the hall tabyll and trystell^e in the hall, plurre, and chambur^e, except falt tabell^e; also ij cheyr^e, on turnyd and the other crosse, w^t a sete, ij boffett stolys, all bedsted^e, vj long formys, vj cussionys, v bankar^e, tho y^t lyth nowe vpon the benchys in the seid place. And yf ther be ony ot^e, hey, or straw in the place, then I wyll y^t he or she that enteryth shall haue half of ych, also half the wood y^t leuyth, also vj ladder^e, long and short, and all the trowys, except tho y^t my wyff will haue y^t be nessessary for hyr house. Also I will y^t my wyff shall haue tonnyng vessel^t and bruyng vessel^t that ys nessessary for hur howse frely for to geue and sell. Also I wyll that my wyff shall haue of the iryn werkk^e aboue namyd, and brasse, pew^t, and latyn, as much as shall be nessessary for hur house, duryng hur lyff. And I wyll y^t of the seid stuff shalbe made a payer byllys indentyd between hyr and my chylderyn, that aft^r hur dyscease the shall receyve ageyn by the byll indentyd the seid stuff, and depte y^t egaly among them, as ys be for wretyn. Also I wyll y^t my wyff shall haue iiij or iiij bedsted^e, yf she need so many, and yf he or she y^t enteryth the place may not forber so many, then I wyll y^t he or she shall make or do to be mad iiij or iiij at hur own cost for hur howshold. I^tem I beqweth on to Margett my dough^t my tenement late Wal^t

Croftys, to hur and to hur issu of hur body laufully begotyn, and she for to haue a playn astate aft^r my dysseasse and my wyffes, and to hur issu of hur body lawfully begotyn, and to non other; and yf Margaret my dough^t dysseasse w^oowte ony yssu lawfully, than I wyll y^t Robt my son shall haue yt frely to geue and to sell; and yf y^e seid Robt dysseasse befor hys ffad^r and hys mod^r, or he come on to y^e age of xx^{ti} yer^e complete, then I wyll y^t y^e seid teñt be sold be myn executo^rs, and the mony therof cūmyng be yeer be receuyd be myn executo^rs, and therw^all I wyll haue a pⁱst or pⁱst^e to go to scoole at Cambrige, to art and to non other sciens, and so to contynue as long as y^e mony therof laste of y^e seid teñt; and I wyll y^t y^e seid pⁱste or pⁱstes shalbe Suffolk men or Norfolk men born, and of non other sheere, the which shall haue y^e seid ſuyce. Also I wyll in lyke forme y^t y^e teñt lat Carowys, otherwyse callyd Coke, y^t yt shalbe sold to y^e best pⁱse, and y^e mony therof takyn and receuyd be myn executo^rs or ther assignes to be dysposed onto a pⁱst or pⁱstes as ys befor wretyn. And I wyll y^t y^e seid pⁱst or pⁱst^e shall haue for ther labor be yeer viij marke vj s. viij d. of lawfull money of Ynglond weell and truly payd, and he or they for to synge for my soule, my ffathys soule, my mothyrs soule, and for all the soull^e y^t my wyff and I be hownd for to p^ay, and for all crysten soull^e. Also I wyll y^t yf my pⁱst or pⁱst^e be not weeldysposyd and of good conu^osacon, then I wyll y^t they shalbe put owt, and other in ther rome, as ys befor wretyn; and yf yt fortune y^r I haue a sonne or sonnys y^t bene pⁱst^e, and haue no bnfyce, then I wyll y^t my sonne or sonnys shall haue the seid ſuyce befor ony other pⁱst^e; and I wyll y^t he or they shall keep at Cambrige at scoole, as ys befor namyd. Also I beqweth to Agnes my wyff my tenement late Withm Barette gentylman, the which teñt syttyth and lyth by y^e teñt of John Clerk, of Halsted on the northe parte, and y^e teñt lat callyd Wat^t Crofte on y^e south pty; thys teñt I wyll my wyff shall haue yt as long as she lyuyth, be she wedowe or wyff; and aft^r hyr dysseasse, I wyll y^t Margaret my dough^t shall haue yt, and to hyr issu in lyke forme; and yf Margaret dysseasse w^oowt

issu lawfull, then I wyll y^t Robt my sonne shall haue yt frely for to geue and sell aft^r my dysseste and my wyffys. And yf yt fortune all my sonnys and dough^tys dysseste w^owt issu of ther bodys laufully begoten be for me and my wyff, then I wyll y^t my teñtē late Wat^r Crofte and y^e teñt Wiſſim Barette be solde be myn executo^rs, and they to dysposyt and pay yt as yt apperyth her vndyr wretyn and befor. Also I wyll, yf all my chylderñ dysseste w^owt issu laufully begotyn, then I geue and beqwethe vnto Robt Hedge my brod^r my teñt, my gardyn, and the beerne, and to hys issu male of hys body laufully begotyn, and to non other. And I wyll y^t my brod^r Robt shall haue yt duryng hys lyff frely, and then to hys issu male laufull, so y^t that hys issu male pay or do to be payyd lx. ii. on to myn executo^rs and assygnēs of laufull money of Ynglond, as thus : Whan hys issu male enteryth, he for to pay or do to be payyd and x ii., and y^e day xij monyth immedyatly folowyng v ii., and so to to pay or do to be payyd eu^ery yeer next folowyng v ii. tyll y^e hole sūme full content and payyd. And I wyll y^t aft^r y^e dysseste of my brod^r Robt that hys chylde male shall haue yt, and non othyr, and so to go furth as long as ony of y^e issu male be on lyve laufully begotyn ; allwey myn executo^rs to haue regard to the paymētē abouēnāyd, y^t y^e dayys be weell and truly kept ; and yf so be y^t my brother hath payyd parte or all y^e sōme afornāyd, lett y^en my brother and hys issu male agre betwen them selfs for ther paymentē, allwey remembryng my paymentē that I haue assignyd weell and truly to be kept w^owt any delay. And I wyll y^t y^e seyd paymentē be payd vnto myn executo^rs and assignēs, and yf they be dyssestyd, or y^e tym of payment cum owt, then I wyll y^t yt be payyd vnto the executo^rs of them, and so furth from executo^r to executo^r tyll y^e hole sūm be cōtent and payyd. And I wyll y^t y^e mony y^e which myn executo^rs shall receyue of the seyd teñt y^t they dyspose yt in almes dedē, repačōs of churchys, amēdyng of hy weyes, and other charytabyll dedē. Also I wyll y^t yf my brother Robt ys issu male dysseste w^owt ony issu lawfull, then I wyll y^t y^e seyd teñt

be sold be myn executo^rs, and they for to dyspose the mony therof cūmyng as ys befornameyd. Also yf yt be so y^t I and my wyff be infortune of losse of goodē and fall to pou^te, and may not leue honestly, then I reuoke all gyfte and bequestē y^t I haue beqwethed my chylderñ befor nameyd, and for nowght to be hade to them, nor to non other issuys for eu^mor, nor to my brother, nor to hys issu male, and I and my wyff, or ou^r assignes, to sell them at ou^r own wyll w^towt ony geynseyng of them or of ony in ther namys. Iīm I beqweth to ych of my godchylderñ iij s. iiij d. Iīm I beqweth to ych of my su^antē now dwellyng w^t me iij s. iiij d. Iīm I beqweth to ych y^t be now alyve and hath dwellyd w^t me in tymes past xij d. Iīm I beqweth to John Dealī, fremason, x s. Iīm I beqweth to ych of my brothers doughters y^t be not my godchylderñ xx d. Iīm I beqweth vnto Robt Hedge, y^e sonne on to my brother John Hedge, xx d. yf yt may be born. Iīm I beqweth to the gyld of y^e holy name of Jhu hold in the churche of Seynt Jamys xl s. for to helpe to bey w^tall lond to the sustentaçon and contynuance of the seid gyld. Iīm I beqweth on to the gyld of Seynt Buttolph vj s. viij d. Iīm I wyll y^t y^e brotherhod of Candyless Gylde shall haue ij galownys of wyn yeerly be the space of xij. yeerē cōpleet, vpon thys condyçon, that my brother Robt Hedge may haue the good fauo^r of the bretherñ of the seid gyld, and to be takyn as on of them in tyme to com in the seid fraternyte. Iīm I beqweth on to y^e chapel of ou^r Lady wⁱn y^e mon^y a sute of auter clothys w^t curteyns, whyght, payntyd, or steynyd. The resydue of all my goodē not gebyn nor beqwethen I geue and beqweth to Agnes my wyff, to dyspose, and geue, and make hyr testament of, w^towt cont^adycçion of ony of myn executo^rs vnd^ywretyn; the which Agnes my wyff I ordeyn myn executryx, and my ij sonnys John and Wiffm, clerke, and Robt Hedge, my hⁱther, w^t my seid wyff coexecutor. I pvyd allwey y^t what soeu^y daunger or expence fall on to ony of myn executo^rs be reson of minist^ucon of my testament, y^t yt be alowyd to my executo^rs be my wyff of my ppyr goodē; and

also M. Thom^as supvysor of the seid wyll and testament, and I wyll that he shall haue for hys labor xx s. In wytnesse herof I haue putto my seale y^e day and yeer above wretyn.

Prob. 14 Jun. 1504.

[Lib. Pye, f. 146 ^b.]

William Place, priest.—1504.

In the name off God Amen. I, Wylm Place, pⁱst, mas^r of the hospytall of Seynt John Eu^angelyst, w^towt the South gate of Bury Seynt Edmund, w^t an hole and a good mynd, beyng at Bury aforseid, the xxj day of Jullj, in the yeer of ou^r Lord God Mⁱbiiij, be lycence of Da^mp Robt Myldenhall, Pⁱor of the moⁿ of Seynt Edmund, mak my testament and last wyll in forme folowyng: Fyrst I beqwethe my soule to Almighty God, to ou^r Lady Seynt Mary, and to all hys seynte; and my body to be buryed in holy sepulture. I^m I be qwethe to the hyght augh^t in the church of ou^r Lady in Bury forseid, in rec^opens of my duties to holy churche to lytyll paid, and for the helth of my soule, xij d. I^f I wyll that Fryer Wylm, y^t ys an anker in Lynne, haue x s. to distrybute among^e hys brethern y^t be ffryers in the place of Lynne forseid, that thei may p^ay for my soule and all my good ffrend^e soull^e. I^f I beqwethe to the same Fryer Wylm x s. to hys own vse, so y^t he en^t my name into the gyld of the Trynyte in Lenne, that I may haue ther a *Dirige* and messe of *Requiem* don for my soule. I^m I beqwethe to the seid Fryer Wylm a blak vestment and a blak clothe steynynd w^t an ymage of deth. And I wyll the sam cloth be set vpon my hers in the day of my buryng. I^f I beqwethe to the seid Fryer Wylm a red cloth that lyeth on my bed. I^f I beqweth to the monastery of Seynt Edmund forseid my book of the dowe^te of Holy Scryptur, to ly and remayn in the cloyster of the seid moⁿ as long as y^t wyll ther indure. I^m I beqweth to S^r Raff Stanton, pⁱst, my book of the expositi^ons of holy Scryptur. I^m I wyll that Da^mp Wylm Car-

sey, Baroner of the seid moñ, shall assyng ij chyldern for to sey *De p'fund'* att my graue for my soule eu^y day fro my buryeng day tyll my xxx^{ti} day be past, and they to haue yche day for ther labor j d. betwyx them. Iñm I reuoke and adnull all olde wylles and testamentē be me made afor the date herof, and wyll y^t no pson nor psones shall tak non adu^antage ner pfyght by reson of them. The resydue of ałl my goodē and catałl, meveable and vnmeveable, not beqwethed, and ałl my dettē, I assyng and beqwethe them vnto myn executo^rs, to take, sell, resceyve, and dyspose in payng of my dettē, fulfylling thys my testament and last wyll, and other good dedē to be don, as they shall thynk best to the plesure of God and most pfyte to my soule and ałl my good ffrendē soullys. And I make myn executo^rs the seid Dañp Wifm Karsey and Sr Rychard Frost, p^rst; and I beqwethe to yche of myn executo^rs for ther labor vj s. viij d. Iñm I constytute and ordeyn supvyso^r of y^{is} my testament and last wyll the Ryght Reu^end and myn especyall good lord Wifm Codenh^am, abbott of the seid monastery; and I beqwethe to hym for hys labor x s. Into wytnesse herof to theȝ p^rsenteȝ I haue putto my sceale. Theȝ wytnessen, Sr Rauf Stanton, John Payn, Herry Furmage, and other, the day and yeer abouwretten.

Prob. 12 Oct. 1504.

[Lib. Pye, f. 158^b.]

Maister Herry Rudde, doctor.—1506.

In the name of God Amen. I, Maister Herry Rudde, of Bury Seynt Edmonds, docto^r, the xxiiij day of August, in the yeer of our Lord M^ovj, w^t an hoołt and pfyte mynde, beyng at Bury for-seid, make and ordeign this my p^rsent testament and last will biptite in this man^{er} and form folowyng: Fyrst, I byqueth and comende my soule to God Almyghty, his most blissid mod^r o^r Lady Seynt Marie, and to all the holy company of heven; and my body to be buried in the monast^rij of Seynt Edmond byfor Seynt Crystofer.

Iſm I byqueth toward the making of ij blynde wyndowes in the ſeid monaſtʒij and be ſyde Seynt Criſtopher x ſi. Iſm I byqueth to the chapell of Seynt Nicholas at the Eſtgate townes ende a veſtemēt of whyte ſateyn and poudrid w^t Seynt Nicholas armes, to the value of v mark. Iſm I byqueth to the monaſtʒij of Peterborough l ſi. w^t this condicion folowyng: that the abbot of the ſeid monaſtʒij, or his ſuccesſores, paye or do to be payed vnto myn executors vnderwretyn l ſi. the whiche is owyng me, be ſide that I bequethed them. Iſm I byqueth to the pariſſh chirche of Wyntyrtōn, where as I was born, x marč, to bey w^t a cope. Iſm I byqueth to the chirche of Caſter be ſide Peterborough x marč, to bey w^t a cope. Iſm I byqueth to the chirche of Pycheley x marč, to bey w^t a cope. Iſm I byqueth to the Blak Fryres of Cambregge, toward the peyntyng of ix ordrys of aungelis, xx marč. Iſm I byqueth toward the making of an Ile in Seynt Andrewes chirche in Cambregge x ſi. Iſm I will that Sr James Cartenell ſynge for my ſoule be the ſpace of iij yeerē after my diſceſe, where it ſhall pleaſe hym for to ſynge, and he for to haue for his labor eūy year viij marč. Iſm I will that myn executours geve for my ſoule at my buryng day, or ellis on the morow after that, to pore folkes at hom at ther howſes, in bred and fleſſh to the value of x ſi. And I will that myn executors ſhall ſpende oder x ſi. abowte my funerall. Iſm I will haue ſongyn for my ſoule a M^l meſſys as ſhortly as my executors can cauſe them to be ſongyn; and eūy preſt to haue for his labour to ſey *Placebo*, *Dirige*, comendačōn, and meſſe, iiij d. Iſm I byqueth Will^am Rudde my brodyr x ſi. Iſm I byqueth to John Rudde my nevy v ſi. Iſm I byqueth to John Wareyn of Caſtyr, and to his wyff, xl ſ. Iſm I byqueth to Thom^as Maſſenger, my ſu^ant, xl ſ., and xxvj ſ. viij d. for the wages for the yeer folowyng, and an hors. Iſm I byqueth to John Waleys, my ſu^ant, xl ſ. and xxvj ſ. viij d. for his wagys for the yeer folowyng, and an hors. Iſm I byqueth to Herry Gannok xx ſ. Iſm I byqueth to his wyff xx ſ. Iſm I byqueth to Nicholas Styles, ſu^ant w^t

maister Berkyng, iij s. iiij d. Ifm I will that if myn executo^rs be trowblid, whyrby that this my will may not be fulfillid, than I will that myn executours shall mynysshe as they thynke accordyng to conciens. Ifm I anulle and revoke all the villes mad by for this date, outh^r by mouthe or by wrytyng. The residue of my good^e not byquethed I assigne and byquethe vnto the disposicion of myn executours vnderwretyn, to selle, resceyve, and to geve in almes and oder dedys of charite as shalbe thought to them most best for the weell of my soule. And of this my p^rsent testament and last will I make and ordeyn myn executours Maister Doctour Candelyñ of Cambryge, Maister John Belt of the same town, and Dame John Barkyng, pytauncer of the monast^rij in Bury; and I bequeth to eche of them for there labour v mar^ç. In witnesse herof I haue setto my seall. These witnessen, Willam Copynger, Thom^as Godard, Herry Gannok, and othyr. Yoven the day and yeer abouewretyn.

Prob. 8 Nov. 1506.

[Lib. Pye, f. 180 ^b.]

John Perfay, draper, of Bury.—1509.

In the name of God Amen. I, John Pfay, of Bury Sent Edmund, draper, w^t an hoolle and p^rfyt mynde, beyng at Bury the forseyd, the xxviiijth day of Maij, in y^e ye^r off o^r Lord God M^dxix, make and ordeyn thys my p^rsent testamēt and last wyll in thys man^r and fowrme folwyng: Fyrst I byqwethe and commend my sowle to God Allmyghti, hys blyssyd moth^r our Lady Seynt Mary, and to all y^e holy company of hewyn; and my body to be buried in Seynt Mary chyrch vnd^r y^e grave stone off marbyll ther by me layd jn y^e sowth yle off y^e sam chyrch. Alsoo I byquethe to y^e hygh aw^t in y^e said chyrch, ffor my tythys forgotyn and offryngys not payd, and for helth of my sowle, xx s. prayng my ordinary to excuse my conscyens for alle necclygencys. Also I byqwethe to eche of the pyshe prystys beyng at my dyryge and masse xij d. Also to euy other pryst beyng at my dyryge and buryyng iiij d. Also to euy clerke beyng at mannys state ij d. Also to euy

chyld j ob. Also in lyke wyse prystys, clerkys, and children at my xxx^{ti} day. Also I byquethe to vj poore men holdyng torchys about my herse on my buryyng day and my xxx^{ti} day, to eche off y^m a blakke gowne. Also I beqweth toward the makyng off Seynt Jamys chyrche in Bury Seynt Edmund xx marcys. Also I bequethe to y^e fryers of Thetford in Bredgegate strete, to synge for my sowle a *Dyryge* and a messe off *Requiem*, x s. Also I beqweth to y^e ffreres off Thetford, in y^e market stede in Thetford, in lykewyse x s. Also I beqweth to y^e nunnys off y^e same town in lykewyse x s. wherof ys payd vj s. viij d. Also I beqweth to y^e hows of munkys in Thetford in lykwyse x s. Also I byqueth to y^e chyrch off Hylborwgh, in Northffolk, in lykwyse x s. And I wylle y^t y^e pryst that shall say the *Dyryge* and messe hawe ffor his labour iiij d. and hys clerk ij d. Also I byqueth to y^e chyrch off Seynt Ebold, in Newmarkyt, in lykwyse x s. Also I bequeth to y^e chyrch off All Seyntys in y^e same town in lykwyse x s. Also I beqweth to my lord y^e abbot off y^e monastery in Bury fforneyd ffor y^e tym beyng, and for to sey *Dyryge* and a messe of *Requiem* ffor my sowle vj s. viij d. Also to mast^r Pr ij s. iiij d., and to eu^y oth^r mast^r beyng a pryst xij d. and to eu^y oth^r off y^e^m beyng no pryst viij d. and I to hawe among them a gen^lall *Deryge* and a messe off *Requiem*. And I bequeth to a honest p^rst seculer [that] wyll go for me to ou^r Lady off Park in Lyskard, in Cornewall, to Seynt Myche^ll movnt, and to Seynt Jamys in Galys y^e next yer off grace af^r my dyscesse x m^{ar}c. Also I bequeth to Ka^tyn my wyfe all my ostylmentys, vtensilie3, and joel^l that to my hows bylonge, to hold to her heyrys and assignes fore^u. Also I bequeth to y^e sayd Ka^tyn my wyffe, my hoole tenem^{et} that I dwell in, to hawe and to hold to her heyrys and assygn^{es} for eu^y mo^r, w^t this condic^on folwyng, y^t she relese af^r her tytle, claym, and in^{te}esse off a tenement in Feltwell, kallyd Baretty3, w^t all the londys longyng therto; and also of a tenement, w^t thapptenance3, the wich ys set and lyeth in Lytyff Saxh^{am}, the which I purchasyd off Rob^t Hall, whansome^u she be requiryd by myn executors.

Also I byqwethe to the seyd Kaſyn my wyfe xxx^{ti} ſi. in mony, and I wyll y^t ſhe haue eu^y ye^r a cteyn as yt may be born, whan my howsyng and lond which I haue in Feltwell be sold. Also I byquethe to Wylliam my son x ſi. in mony, and I wolle y^t he be payd be myn executours yerly aff^r my discesse xl ſ. tyll y^e ſayd x ſi. be payd. Also I bequeth to y^e ſayd Wiſſm my son my tenement ſet in y^e Northgate ſtete y^t was ſomtyme Leveſons, except y^e tenement whiche I ſolde to John Wall, mylner, to hold to hym for terme off hys lyfe, and after hys dysceſe I wole y^t y^e ſayd tenement be ſolde by myn executors to y^e beſt avayle y^t they kan, and the mony theroff comyng go toward y^e pforma^{co}n off this my laſt wyll. Also I bequeth to Yſbell my dow^r x ſi. in mony w^t this condi^{co}n ffolwyng, that yff her huſbond mak good her joyntvre accordyng to his pmyſe to the value off x ſi. Also I beqwethe to John Femnale, my ſonlawe, my tawny gown furryd w^t ſhankys. Also I wyll yt myn executours ſhall gyve and deale ffor my ſowle in my bryeng day to eu^y man and woman that comyth to y^e place aſſygned by myn executors j. d., to eu^y chylde ob. And in lykwyſe at my xxx^{ti} day. Also I pray and requyr myn executors to pay and content my dettys trewlye knowyn and proyd. Also I byquethe to Thom^{as} Tyſe x ſi. in mony. Also I wole y^t ij closys, callyd Baſhamys and Marchallys, w^t iiij^{xx} akres of medowe and lond, the which I purchaſyd of Maſ^r Fynch^m of Hockwolde; j^e and xx akres of lond and medow which I purchaſyd of Thom^{as} Dey off Lynne and of John Mathew; a tenemēt callyd Edwardys, w^t xxvij^{ti} akres of lond and medow the which I purchaſyd off Thom^{as} Dey of Lynne; a tenemēt callyd Barettys, w^t thapptenauncej, in Feltwell; a tenement callyd Monys, w^t y^e londys therto, in the ſame towne; a tenemēt in Lytyll Saxh^m, late Robt Hallys, w^t thappten^{nce}j; a cloſe y^e which I purchaſyd off Thom^{as} Ou^o ſooth, lying in the ſame towne; a tenemēt in Bury, the fforſeyd ſette in the Cyrchegate Strete, the which I purchaſyd off y^e executours of Wyll^m Odham, draper; my tenemēt ſett in Northgate Strete, late John Wallys; a tenement ſette in Eſtegate Strete, late

Ione Hodgeson; a bochers stalle the which John Marletoune holdeth; and oth^r dyvse pecys of lond lying in Feltwell the which I purchasyd off dyvse men, be solde be myn executours to the best avayle y^t they can, and y^e mony therof to go to y^e pformacon off this my wyll. Also I wyll y^t yff ony off my childern happyn to cūme in pou^rte, than I wyll y^t myn executours shaft helpe them and relewe them w^t a pte off my goodys not bequest after y^{er} discessiō; morou^r I wyll that y^e mony y^e which I hawe befor beqwethid and hereafter beqwethyd be payd yerlye to eu^ry man and woman a c^otyn, as yt may be takyn and resseyvyd by myn executours yerly comyng for swych londys, tenementes, medwys, and pasturys, as I have befor bequethid to be solde, and after as pleyndly doth apper in this my wyll. Also I wyll y^t myn executours, which off them leve lengest, shall yerly lete to fferme my new tenemēt set in y^e Northgate Strete and my tayntor^r yard next my chapełl, and w^t a pte off y^e monye cummyng therof I wyll y^t thei shall repayr my chapełl and y^e seyde tenemēt, w^t y^e almesse howsyn therto longyng, whan soeu^r they hawe nede; and y^e residwe off the mony that shall clerly remayne I wole y^t myn executours shaft gyve y^t in almes to the seyde poor dwellyng in y^e seyde almeshowsyn, and to oth^r wher y^t shalbe thowght to the moste best for y^e weele off my sowle; and aft^r y^e discesce off myn executours I wole y^t y^e wardeyns off the gylde off the holy name of Ihu in Seynt Jamys Cyrche for the tyme beyng, and iij or iiij off the pyshe, have the rwle and supvisiō off them, and to gyve the seyde almeshowsyn to a broth^r or a systēr off y^e seyde gylde whan they cumme to pou^rte, and to non other. Also I will that yff Katryn my wyff, ony off my children, ony off my kynred, wolde bye and purchase ony off my tenementys or londys that I have assygned in this my wyll to be solde, not assygned, nor bequethyd, that they have y^e pferment befor ony oth^r pson, and w^t in the pice, an he or they to have respyte be the space off x wekys. Also I pay and requir^r all my coefeffyes that be infeofyd off and in ony off my seyde tenementys, londys, medvys, pasturys, fedyngys, w^t thapptenancez,

that they delyver ther estate and possession that they have therin accordyng to this my last wyll, whansoeu^r they be therto requyryd by myn executors. Also I wole that my close which ys holdyn by copy off my lord abbot of Bury Seynt Edmund, and ye which I purchasyd of Thomas Russell gentylmā, my lord payd the resydwe, I gyve toward y^e ryngers charge off the gret belle in Seynt Mary Chirche, callyd corfew belle, and I wyffe y^t the chirche revis for y^e tyme beyng shall take yt vpp by copy to the seyde vse after my dyscesce. Also I beqweth toward the ffyndyng of This pⁱst iiij^{xx} m^arē, and v. the which Thomas Tyse shall pay yerlye, that ys to sey, theroff v m^arē at y^e fest off Est^r next comyng after ye date of this my last wyll, and so yerlye at the fest of Ester v m^arē, tyll the summe off iiij^{xx} m^arē and v be contēt and payd. Also I beqwethe to the pson off Seynte Mary in Feltwell, for my tythys [forgotten] or to lytyll payd, ij s. Also to the pson off Seynt Nicholas, in y^e same town, ij s. Also I wole that eu^y poor housholder in the seyde town iiij d. in mony, or ellys j b³ off corne. Also I byqueth to eu^y my dowgh^ts chylde beyng on lyve aft^r my dyscesce xx s. when they comme to the age of xvij ye^r. Also jn lykewyse my sunnys children beyng onlyve after my discesse xx s. when they cmmme to y^e age off xvij ye^r. Also I wyll that y^e hygheway from y^e lyme kille vppe toward the heth ledyng toward Ipswych be made and levelde at my cost and charge w^t grawell and stonys, and that to be don by the advyse off my executours, when they have ony mony in sto^r, and nō sone^r. Also I wyll y^t eu^y poor man and woman dwellyng in m^y almesse howsyn have onys in ij ye^r duryng the space of xx ye^r after my discesse a ffrysed rosat gown. Also I wyll that myn executours shall do make a cope off cloth off tysswe, lyke the cope that Adam Newehawe bowght, to the valve off xx ti. and I wole have in the whod theroff the saluta^cōn off o^r Lady, and so in y^e orfwes, and y^e cope to remayne jn the chirch off our Lady, as long as yt wole indur. Morou^r I wyll y^t yff Wy^m mak ony cleyme or in^tesse off and in ony off seyde howsys, londys, medowys, pasturys, as ys

above rehersyd mor than in on tenement the which I have above byquethyd hym, or vex or trubull ony off my executours contr^ay to this my laste wyll and testamēt, that then I wole the seyð Wyllm, hys eyrys, nor assignes have non avauntage off this my wyll, noth^y off the x li., nor off y^e tenement the which I have befor wyllled and bequethed hym, but vt^tly be voyd, and y^e tenemēt to be solde by my executours immediatlye aft^r my discesse. Also I anule and revoke all y^e wylls by me mad afor this date, owth^y by morth or by wrytyng. And I wyll y^t no pson nor psons take non avantage off them. The residue off all my goodys and cataff, mouable and on movable, not byquethyd, I assigne and byqueth vnto the dispo^cōn off myn executovrs vndirvrytyn, to selle, receyve, and to gyve in almes and oth^y dedis off charite, as shalbe thowght to them most for the weele off my sovele. And off thys my p^sent testamēt and laste wyll I make and ordeyn m^y executours y^e forseyd Kat^yn my wyfe, Thom^as Edon gentylmā, Thom^as Tise my sonlaw, and John Cokat of Bury; and I bequeth to ych off them for ther labor xx s. in mony and a blak govne. Morouⁱ I constitut and ordeyn John Alen, on off the barons off the Exchequer off o^r Lord the Kyng, of thys my last wyll supvisor; and I bequeth to hym for hys labo^r xx s. in mony and a blak gowne: into wittnes wherof I have setto my seale. Thes witnesses, John Haukyn, John Hempston gro^c, John Smyth yonger, mercer, and oth^y. Yovyn the day and yer abovesayd.

Prob. 30 Sept. 1509.

[Lib. Pye, f. 214^b.]

John Wastell, of Bury.—1515.

In the name of God Amen. I, John Wastell, of Bury Seynt Edmonds, beyng of good and hool mynde, the iij^{de} day of May, in the yer of o^r Lord God M^cxv, make my testament and last will in man^y and forme folowyng: First I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God, to o^r Lady Seynt Mary, and to all his seynte; and my body

to be beried in holy sepultur. Iſm I bequeth to the high auter of oʳ Lady, for my tithes forgotten, or to lytel payed, and for the helthe of my soule, x s. Iſm I will that Richard Pynson, of London, pren^d, and Frensheman, haue, in recompense for rekenyngē betwyn hym and me xxxij s. iiij d. Iſm to Nicholas Colyn, Frensheman, in Cambrygge, in lyk man^r x s. Iſm to Ka^ryn Kayns iiij s. in lyk man^r. Iſm to ffryre Potter iiij d. if he be levyng. Iſm to the helpyng of some ornament in the Kyngē Colage x s. Iſm to Jane my wyfe v markē, and all myñ apparell to my body. Iſm to my moder x s. Iſm I will ther be disposid a trētell of messes for my soule amongē the p̄stis in Seynt Mary chirche of Bury forseid x s. Iſm to ffryre Eswell iiij d. Iſm to the Austyn Fryre; in Cambregge xij d. Iſm to the Whyte Fryre; in Cambridge xij d. Iſm to oʳ Lady of G^ace in the Blak Fryres in Cambridge xij d. Iſm I will that in recompense of my vowes mad to certeyn pylgrymage v s. to be goven to pore folkē, and v s. to the peyntyng of an ymage of Seynt Dorothe, whiche my ffader lately hath goven to Seynt Mary chirche. Iſm I will all my bokē at Cambredge to be sold to the pformyngē of this my last will. Iſm to Mr. Stellyard to prey for me ij s. iiij d. Iſm I will there be delt to pore pepuſſ by the discrecion of myn executrices x s. Iſm to eu^y of my sistres vj s. viij d. The residue of all my goods, movabill and vnmovabill, I geve and bequeth to the disposicion of myn executrices, whom I ordeyn Jane my wyfe and Margarete my moder, they to selle, take, and resseyve, to pforme this my will, and dispose in other dedis of charite as shall seme to them most plesur to God and pfyte of my sowle.

Probat. 25 Maii, 1515.

[Lib. Hood, f. 15 ^b.]

Agas Herte of Bury.—1522.

In the name of God Amen. The secunde day of the monyth of September, in the yere of owr Lord God Mⁱ cccc cxxij, I,

Agas Herte, of Bury Seynt Edmunds, wedow, holl of mynde and good remembraunce, at Bery forseyd, make and ordeyn thys my p^{re}sent testament and last will in man^{er} and forme folowyng: Fyrst I bequethe my soule to God Almyghty, to owr Lady Seynt Mary, and to all the holy compeny of heuyn; my body to be buried in holy sepultur in the chyrche yard of Seynt Jamys, nere by the g^{ra}ue of John Herte, late my husbond. I^{te}m I bequethe to the hygh augh^t in the chyrche of Seynt Jamys in Bury forseyd, for ony tithis or offryng^e forgotyn and to lytyll payd, and for the helth of my sowle, xx d. I^{te}m I will haue a trentall of Seynt Gregory don at Babbewell for my sowle and my husbonde sowle; and I assign therefore x s. I^{te}m I bequethe to the chyrche of Pakenh^{am} a pelow of blew sylke. I^{te}m I bequethe to Richard Jaxson, my son, a ffetherbed, ij trawnsoms, a matras, ij pelowes, iiij payer of schet^e, a payer of blankett^e, and a cou^{er}yng of arasse, and a secunde cou^{er}lyght, a selo^r and a testor steynynd wth fflowers, and ij curteyns, and the steynynd clothes hangyng abowte the plo^{ur} be hynde the halle chemny, ij bras pott^e, oon the grettest, and ij next the secunde, ij ketylls, a braspanne, the ij^{de}, a chafur of laten wth thre fette, a frying panne, a spete, a gredern, a tawny jaket lynyed wth yelow, a payer of hand-erns, iiij platers, iiij dyssys, and iiij sawcers of pew^{er}, iiij poregers of pewter, a chafyng dysshe of laten wth a fote, ij belle canstyke and a lesser canstyke, a Seynt Johis hede of alabast^r wth Seynt Pe^r and Seynt Thom^{as} and the fygur of Cryst, wth a choche of red sarsnet and grene ffrengyd, and a thre pynt pott of pewter wth bonds, a peynt pott of pewter of the olde flasshon, and a hallyng of steynynd clothe wth rynn^g vynys and leues wth best^e and birde, a new coberd, a tabyll of waynskott wth to joynynd trestelle, ij joynynd stolys of the best, a gret joynynd cheyre at the deyse in the halle, a peynt pott for ale of pewter wth bonde, a pleyn latyn basyn, a grett pewter basen and a latyn lavo^r, the grettest close cheyre, ij fote stoles, joynynd, ij tabyll clothes, vj napkyns, iiij pleyne and to of diap, a salte saler of pewter, a lytyll

pewter basen and a pleyn towell, ij pelow beres, a grett cheste in the shoppe, iij kusshons, ij w^t hartē and ōn of other worke, wyche parcellē to be delyuēd the seyd Rychard at the age of xxj yerys; and yf it fortune the seyd Rychard to discease before the seyd age, that than the parcellē to the seyd Rychard bequestyd to be sold be myn executo^rs, and the mony thereof cūmyng to be dysposyd for my sowle and hys. Iēm I bequethe to Jone Jaxson my dowghtⁿ a fetherbed, a matras, a bolster, ij pelowes, iij payer of schetē, a payer of blankettē, a coulyght w^t fflowre delyce, a selo^r and a testor^r steynynd w^t Seynt Kateryn at the hed and the crusifix on the selo^r, ij tabell clothes, vj napkyns, iij pleyn and ij of di^ap, and a pleyn towell, a rownde tabyll of waynskott w^t lok and key, the secunde joynynd cheyer, ij joynynd stolys, a secunde coulyght, ij pelowberis, the steynynd clothes abowte the chamber where I ly, and a golde corse w^t belettē harnes lesse, iij paters, iij dysshys, iij sawsers, and ij poregers of pewter, a chofyng dysshe of laton, a powsyd basyn w^t a rose, a ewer of latyn, a pewter basen w^t bolyonns, ij bell canstyke, a lesser canstyke, a wyne pott, a ale pott of a peynt, a pece of pewter, a q^arte pewter pott, ij brasse pottē, a grett brasse panne, ij ketellē, a more and a lesser, a frying panne, a payer of awndernes, a spete, a gredern, a chafur of laten w^t iij fete, a chofor of brasse w^t a stele, a salte saler of pewter, a grett chest corvyn on the oute syde, a banker, iij kusshons, oon of the harte and to of other worke. Iēm I bequethe to the chyrche of Seynt Jamys a basen and a ewer of pewter hamerd, to be vsyd at crystnyng of chyltern in the seyd chyrch as long as it will indure. Iēm I bequethe to Fraunces Wrethe a ffetherbed, a bolster, a payer of blankettē, my best carpet, a new coulyght w^t fflowers, ij payer of schetē, ij pelows w^t the berys, ij bell canstyke, a potell pewter pott ledles w^t ij erē, a charg^e of pewter, a q^arte wyne pott of the olde fasshon, a lytyll Seynt John's hed of alabaster w^t a scriptur, *Caput S^ci Johⁱs Baptiste*, w^t a clothe of golde w^t romayn letters of blacke weluet, a brasse pott, a brasse panne, a ketyll, a fry-

ing panne, a gredern, iij kushons w^t hartē, a banker, a tabyll clothe of diap, iij platers, iij dysshys, and iij sawsers of pewter, and vj napkyns, iiij pleyn and to of diap; wyche pcellē to be de-lyued on to the seyde Fraunces whan he cōmyth to the age of xxj yere; and yf it fortune the seyde Fraunces to dyscease before the seyde age, that than I will the seyde pcell to hym bequestyd to be sold be myn executors and the mony therof cōmyng to be don for my sowle and hys. Iēm I bequethe iij fyne elle kerchers to be vsyd for corporas clothes in the chyrche of Seynt Jamys aforseyd, oon at the hyght augh^t, another at Jhus augh^t, and the iij^{de} at owr Ladys augh^t, there to remayn as long as they will indure. Iēm I bequethe to Annes Cage, the wyf of Harry Cage, a ffetherbed, a bolster, a payer of schetē and a cou^llyght, a brode cheste of wayneskott. Iēm I bequethe to John Bullok, my brother in law, a fetherbed, a bolster, ij pelowes, a cou^llyght, and a payer of schetē. Iēm I will that John Launde, clark, or sūme other onest prest at hys assignment, shall syng and prey for my sowle, the sowle of John Hart my late husbond, the sowles of my father and mother, the sowles of Roberd Wrethe and Alys hys wyf, owr frendē and benefactors sowles, in the seyde chyrche of Seynt Jamys, be the space and tyme of a yere and a q^arter, w^tin a conuenient tyme after my dyscease to be gynne, takyng for hys stypend by yere viij marc^ē vj s. viij d. and for the q^ar^er aftyr the rate. Iēm I bequeth to the hyght au^t in Seynt Jamys chyrche, a au^t clothe of diap and a towelly. Iēm I bequethe to the augh^t of owr Lady in Seynt Mary chyrche a augh^t clothe of diap. Iēm I bequethe to the augh^t of Seynt John in the seyde chyrch of Seynt Jamys an augh^t clothe of diap. Iēm I bequethe to Fryers of Babbewell an augh^t clothe of diap. The residue of all my goodē and catellē, moveable and vnmoueabill, aboue not bequethed nor assigned, w^t all my dettē to me dew, I assign to myn executors to pay dettē, pforme my husbondē will and myn, and bryng my body honestly to the erthe. And of thys my testament and last will I make myn executors John Bullok of Thurston and Thomas

Stacy of Bury thelder, surgeon; and I bequeth to eche of them for ther labo^r vj š. viij đ. Also I constitute sup^rviso^r hereof John Lawnde, clarke; and I bequeth to hym for hys labo^r x š. These witnessen, Richard Tassell drap^r, Rog^e Barbur merc^r, John Lacy scribe, and other, the day and yere aboue seyd.

Probat. 20 Oct. 1522.

[Lib. Hood, f. 97.]

John Cole, of Thelnetham.—8 May, 1527.

. . . . Iſm I will have a newe crosse made accordinge to Trappette Crosse at the Hawelanesende and sett vpp at Short Groves ende, where the gospell ys sayde vpon Ascension Even, for y^e w^{ch} I assigne x š. Iſm I will and assigne wth the yearlie ffearme of iij acres londe lyenge in Hopton fylde and Thelneth^am in iij peec^e, that ys to saye, v rood^e lyenge in y^e furlonge cleped Langsake, half an acre lyenge neare therbie, and v rood^e lyenge and abbuttinge vpon Ratonslane, to fynde yearlie a busshell and halffe of malte to be browne and a busshell of whete to be baked to fynde a drinkinge vpon Ascention Even everlastinge for y^e prisshe of Thelneth^am to drinke at the crosse aforenamed; and yf the sayde drinkinge expende not the ffearme of y^e sayde iij acres londe euerie yeare yearlie, then I will that the ou^r plus of the sayde yearlie ffearme be delte emongeste the poore people of Thelneth^am where moste neade ys. Neverthelesse I will in annye wysse y^t whoso^eu^r hereafter shall holde and occupie my tenem^ete and londe in Thelneth^am aforesayd that theye shall [have] the saide iij peec^e of londe and occupie th^e, and neuer to be solde from the saide tenem^ete, but alonlie wth the yearlie ffearme of the same to fynde everie yeare the sayde drinkinge at the crosse as y^t ys above rehersed.

Probat. ap. Ixworthe, 5 Dec. 1527.

[Lib. Brydone, f. 269 ^b.]

Inuentoriū Margarete Baxster de Hunden, vt patet.

In p̄mis, a matcras	xx d.
Iṯ a pair of blanketts and a bolster	xvj d.
Iṯ a cou ^o lett, the best, w th other ij	iiij s.
Iṯ a pair of olde blanketts	viiij d.
Iṯ a flaxan shet, ij canvas shet, and ij pelowber ^e	ij s.
Iṯ ij towelle	vj d.
Iṯ a shepe cower and ij olde cowers	ij s. viij d.
Iṯ ij potts bequethed and delyu ^o id {	
Iṯ iiij ketell ^e , on bequethed and deliu ^o id }	
The ij other	ij s.
Iṯ vj pew ^o dischys and sawcers	xx d.
Iṯ a knedyng trowe and ij borde ^e	xiiij d.
Iṯ ij tabills and spytte	ij s. vj d.
Iṯ a qwern	iiij s. iiij d.
Iṯ ij olde hangyngs	ij s.
Iṯ a gredyern, and a andern, a payr of poott hangyngs, and a frynge pan	viiij d.
Iṯ a panne	viiij s.

Sm^a xxxiiij s. x d.

Iṯ receuyd of the vycary of Hūden xvj ti.

Sm^a to^{ls} xvij ti. xiiij s. j d.

Deduct inde in p̄mis to the vycary for tythes vt

patet p̄ volūtātē	xx d.
Iṯ to the seyd vicary	x d.
Iṯ to M ^a gret Grewte for a legacy	v m ^a -ks
Iṯ to Maryon Whele for a legacy	xx s.
Iṯ to y ^e repa ^o ñ of the way	vj s. viij d.
Iṯ for a trentall, a legacy	x s.
Iṯ to Mr. Walpooll for cowncell and his labo ^r at ij tymys	iiij s. iv d.
Iṯ to the pson of Bernston for tithes	x s.
Iṯ Ri ^c Parkers	vj s. viij d.

Iſ to Will Hach	xx ſ.	viij d.
Iſ to fſrot of Hartest	xxvj ſ.	viij d.
Iſ at the beryall	xx ſ.	
Iſ at y ^e mouȝ mynd	xx ſ.	
Iſ the pbat of the will	vij ſ.	
Iſ in expēs' at the ſam tyme, w ^t other ij tymys comyng o ^r the will coud be proved	iiij ſ.	
Iſ in expence at Hau ^y ll Corte	ij ſ.	iiij d.
Iſ in expence at Clare Corte		xx d.
Iſ at Kertlynȝ Corte	ij ſ.	vij d.
Iſ to Mr. Walpell at the ſaid cort		xx d.
Iſ to Sr. Th. Gernett pſon of Bernstōn, fo ^r cown- cell and his coſts to Bery ij tymys	vj ſ.	viij d.
Iſ iiij jorneyes to Hūden made be Mr. Walpole	vj ſ.	viij d.
Iſ for his coſt ^e expenſ and myn	iiij ſ.	iiij d.
Iſ for malt and other thyngs		xx d.
Iſ for coſt ^e and expenſ for Mr. Walpoll and the pſon off Bernston ij tymys	vj ſ.	viij d.
Iſ fo ^r ther labor and payn w ^t wrythyngȝ	xiiij ſ.	iiij d.
Iſ for coſt ^e and expenſ at Thirlow and the wry- thyng off the invētory the fiſt tym	iiij ſ.	
Iſ for a jorney to Mr. Drury and to Bery w ^t Mr. Walpoll and w ^t Wheler	iiij ſ.	iiij d.
Iſ ſpent at Hūden		viij d.
Iſ fo ^r labor, coſt ^e , and expence hade often tymys be the ſeid executor w ^t loſyng of his daies werkes	xxij ſ.	viij d.
Iſ to Mr. Walpoll and Roſt Hunt ^e , legacy, vt patet	vj ſ.	viij d.
Iſ to Mr. Miles, for the aq ^t ^a s at thys cownt makyng in Fornh ^a m and fo ^r y ^e fyne of y ^e teſtamēt	v ſ.	viij d.
Iſ to Mr. Doctor Gardyner fo ^r h ^e conſell in thys court		xvj d.

Iſ the ſame daie for cōſell xx d.
 Reddit. &c. 14 Oct. 1521.

[Lib. Newton, f. 35.]

Inventoriū Bonoꝝ Riči Pytchye de Kertlyng.

In p ⁱ mis viij ^{xx} ſchepe, legať			
Legať	Iť x milch kene	v li.	
Legať	Iť ij cartes	xxvj ſ.	viiij d.
Legať	Iť xij hods		xij m ^{cs}
Legať	Iť vj boloks	lij ſ.	
Iť rec ^d in money of Thom ^{as}			
	Pytchys	iiij li.	
	Iť of M ^o ten	iiij li.	
Legať	Iť of a bocher	xj li.	
	Iť of Willm Wať . . .	xxxj ſ.	
	Iť for iiij ^{xx} of ſhepe aforſaid		
	sold	iiij li.	
Iť vtenselis and implemēte of huſhold			
	Sm ^a pť legať xiij li. xj ſ.		
In p ⁱ mis laid out and paide			
	by y ^e executores . . .		
In p ⁱ mis for pryng off y ^e will			
	w ^t the coſte and expenſſe		
	y ^o vpon hade	xxix ſ.	
	Iť vpon the beriall . . .	v ſ.	viiij d.
Iť to y ^e hye alter of Kertlyng			
	for tithes forgotten . .	vj ſ.	viiij d.
Iť paide for a cowe to John			
	Pytchys	xiiij ſ.	iiij d.
	Iť paid at y ^e xxx ^{ti} daie .	xliij ſ.	iiij d.
	Iť paid to y ^e orders of freere	xv ſ.	
	Iť paid to pore folke . .	iiij ſ.	iiij d.
	Iť to Hawnſon for ameymēt	xiiij ſ.	iiij d.

Iñ paide to y ^e wiff of Rič	
Pitches, to fynde and kepe	
y ^e children	xl s.
Iñ paid to Leawod for a beme	
and stagyng in y ^e chyrche	vij s.
Iñ for y ^e expensē	x d.
Iñ for y ^e dome peynted and	
costs	xxx s. v d.
Iñ for goldyng of y ^e Rodloft .	ij s.
Iñ for Rič Pichys to y ^e belle	v s.
Iñ for a clothe to y ^e Rodloft	ij s.
Iñ ryingē and yrn werke .	ij s.
Legať Iñ delyu ⁹ ed to John Pychys .	xx ^{ti} shepe
Legať Iñ to Johan Piches	xx ^{ti} shepe
Legať Iñ to Rič Pychys	xx ^{ti} shepe
Legať Iñ to Alič Pichis	xx ^{ti} shepe
Legať Iñ delyu ⁹ yd to y ^e wiff, praisid	
at v fi. x mylch kene and all	
the vtensellē and imple-	
mentē, as the will declarith	
Legať Iñ deli ⁹ ued to wiff of Rič Piches	xj ti.
Legať Iñ delyu ⁹ yd acordyng to y ^e will	
ij cartē wt the hors p ⁹ side	
at	v fi. vj s. viij d.
Legať Iñ delyu ⁹ id to by a cow, p ⁹ ce .	x s.
Legať Iñ delyu ⁹ id the boloks, vj,acor-	
dyng aft ⁹ y ^e will, p ⁹ sid at .	lij s.
Iñ to iij p ⁹ sts	xx s.
Sm ^a solu ⁹ conē p ⁹ ť legať	xv fi. vj s. xj d.
Iñ it remaneth in y ^e hands	
off Thom ^a s Tailo ^r of Lid-	
gat and Robert Piches of	
Kertlyng xij ti. vj s.	
vij d. to be devided be	

evyn porcōn in legacy to John Pechis and Rič Piches		
Iť reč bi y ^e exeč of the said Rič Piches in p ^e numeratē xxij li. xij š. iiij đ. out of y ^e wich s ^m y ^e exeč haith leid owt .		
Iť p ^l mis paid for stone .	xxiiij š.	
Iť for cariage of the same .	vij š.	ij đ.
Iť a lode off lyme . . .	ij š.	
Iť in expensē to y ^e carterē Iť i costyē and chargē goyng for y ^e stone		xij đ.
Iť to y ^e carpent ^r . . .	xxxvj š.	vij đ.
Iť fo ^r carieng of tymbr .	vj š.	ij đ.
Iť to Miller for yrn werke .	ij š.	ix đ.
Iť paide for lede . . .	iiij li. xij š.	vij đ.
Iť to the plomer . . .	xvj š.	ij đ.
Iť fo ^r nale and hyngē .		vj đ.
Iť in expensē fo ^r fettynge home of lede		xij đ.
Iť for fettynge lede from Bery		xvj đ.
Iť for caryyng of sonde and ston	iiij š.	x đ.
Iť to W ^m . Edmūde for makyng the apolye .		vj đ.
Iť fo ^r makng clene of the stepill and pullyng v ^p of sonde		vij đ.
Iť for wode		iiij đ.
Iť to the mason fo ^r makyng of y ^e stepill	vj š.	
Iť fo ^r hedes in y ^e chyrche vnd ^p y ^e pendany . . .	vij š.	iiij đ.

Iñ for fettyng hom of lede wt other stuff from Ber- will		xvj đ.
Iñ for makyng elene of y ^e gotters, and fo ^r savdryng, and fo ^r tymbr stagyng and nayle		vj s. viij đ.
Iñ for half a chaldre of lyme and y ^e caryyng		iiij s. ij đ. ob
Iñ a lode of sonde		xij đ.
Iñ to John Howell fo ^r another lode of sonde . .		xij đ.
Iñ to the mason fo ^r werke to y ^e chirch	iiij ti.	xvj đ.
Iñ fo ^r glasyng to the chirche	v s.	viij đ.
Iñ for a lode of sonde . .		xij đ.
Iñ to Robert Waren . . .	vj s.	viij đ.
Iñ to Thom ^s Cator	vj s.	viij đ.
Iñ leide oute to Roñt Waren fo ^r y ^e bellē . . .	xx s.	
Sm ^a expensaz sūme pñdict, viz. xxij ti. xij s. iiij đ. xvij ti. vj s. đ. ob.		
Iñ fo ^r y ^e labor and costē and expensē madeby the exeč in lesyng and lett- yng y ^e days werke and makyng ther invētory, wt cownsell y ^r to hade	xxvj s.	viij đ.
In the daie of makyng y ^e acoūte in cñteyn ex- pensē had for regis ^r of y ^e invētory, wt ther ac- q̃t ^u unc and other cown- cell ther hade	iiij s.	iiij đ.

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[Lib. Newton, f. 135^b.]

Edmund Lee, of Bury, esq.—1535.

In the name of the Father, the Soñe, and the Holy Goste, and oʳ blyssyd lady Vyrgyn Mary, and all y^e blessyd seynte of hevyn, be the helpe and socour of my pour soule accordyng to my trew wyll, mynd, and intent, the xj daye of Novēber, in the yer of oʳ Lōrd God M^l^{xxxv}^{ti}, I, Edmūd Lee, of Bury Seyt Edmūds, esquier, of hole mynde and pfyght remēbrance being, make and ordeyn thys my p̄sent testament and last will in man^{er} and forme ffolowyng: Fyrst I bequeth my soule to Allmyghti God my sauour, my body to be buryed in the moñ of Seynt Edmūde, by my ffather, my mother, and my wyff, orels wher yt shall plesē God to calle me, by the dyscreçōn of myn executore. Iīm I bequethe onto the hygh alter of the churche of oʳ Lady in Bury aforseyd, for my tythes and offeryngē forgotyn, xxvj s. viij d. Iīm I bequethe to the hygh alter of the church of Redgrave xiiij s. iiij d. to be dysposyd for sū ornament necessary for the seyde aulter. Iīm I will y^t fyve poundē be dysposyd whyth the dyscreçōn of m̄y executore for the beuryng of my wretchyd body, vnto p̄stē, clerke, and pour peple the daye of my buryeng, w^out pompe, except y^e seremony of the s^uyce accordyng. Iīm I wyll an honest p̄st syng for the soullē of me and my wyff, of my ffather and mother, and my brothier, and for the soull; of Robert Strange, ffather of S^r Thomas Strangē knyght, and Anne the wyff of the seyde Robert, for the soull; of Henry Pope and Elyzabeth hys fyrst wyff, Elyzabeth Chamber, John Bysshope and Kateryn his wyff, by the space of iij 3erē, payng yerly to y^e seyde p̄st for hys stypend fyve poundē, vj s. viij d. Iīm I bequethe ij s. to be gyvyn in almes for to p^{ro}ve for the soull; of John Thurston, mercer, and Eñie hys wyff. Iīm I gyve and bequethe vnto my cosyn John Drury, of Rowgh^m esquier, my best gylte goblet, w^ot the coll as yt ys, the remaynder ther of to be to my godsone, Robert Drury, soñe and eyer of y^e seyde John. Iīm I gyff and bequethe to the company of Ihe college in Bury,

towardē there stoke for salte ffyshe and lynge, vj s. viij d. Iīm I gyve and bequeth vnto George Cotton, my wyffs soñe and eyer, my best ffurryd gown, my best dublet, my chamlet cote, and my best bonet. Iīm I gyff and bequeth to my host; Langh^m, late y^e wyff of Wyflm Acarē, vj s. viij d. Iīm I gyf and bequeth to my valentyn Agnes Illyoñ x s. Iīm I gyf and bequeth to Alys Mannȳg, the wyff of Thomas Mannȳg, iij s. iiij d. and oñ new thrombyed hate. Iīm I gyff and bequeth to Thomas Brown my ſuāt oñ of my ffurryd gownys, oñ of my dublettē of sylke, my best jaket of cloth, oñ of my horsys, sadyll and brydell and harnes cōplet, w^t fyve m^{re} in money, and God send hym good grace and ffortune. Iīm I gyf and bequethe to Robert Holdernes my ſuant fyve m^{re} in money, oñ gown, and oñ doblet, orderd by m^y exec^r. Iīm I gyff and bequethe to Elynor Bolle my ſuant xl s. Iīm I gyf and bequethe onto Audery Cotton, my wyffs dowghter, my bedd of arres complet, as yt hañgyt, and my ryngē whych wher my wyffys. Farthermore I gyf and bequeth vnto George Cotton aforseyd, and to the seyde Audery Cotton, all my plate and stuff of houshold, to be euyndly devydyd be twyn them, exepte suche psellē as be afore bequethyd and assygnyd. And allso I wyll, gyf, and bequeth vnto the seyde George Cotton my seyde wyffs soñe my messuage, w^t all and synguler the app^rtenancē, whyche I late p^rchasyd of Thomas Dorant, as yt ys sett and lying in the town of Bury aforseyd, in the strett callyd the Horse Market and y^e Sowthegate Strett, to haue and to hold all the seyde messuage, w^t thapp^rtenancē and cōmoditē therto belongyng, vnto the seyde George Cotton, hys heyerē and assiĝ; forever, vpon thys cōdiĉōn ffollowyng, that ys to sey, that the seyde George or hys eyerē, by a cōuenyent tyme and leyser, shall p^rchase as muche lond as shalbe to the value of the seyde messuage, w^t the app^rtenancē, and the astate of the seyde londē soe to be p^rchasyd to be to the vse of the seyde George Cotton, and to the eyerē of hys body laufully be gotyn, and for defaute of yssue of hys body laufully begotyn, to remayne to the vse of the seyde Audery Cotton, and to the eyers of hyr body

laufully begotyn; and for defaute of issue of hyr body laufully begotyn, to remayn to the ryght heyerē of Elyzabeth Blakkett, sūtyme lady of the man^{or} of Hylcombe in Wysettershyre for eu^{er}. Iēm I gyf and bequeth vnto Edward Brysley my best cote and vj s. viij d. The resydue of all my goodē and cattallē above not bequethyd nor assignyd I wyll they shalbe at the dyspocon of mȳ execu^t to dyspose in dedē of charite as they shall thynk most nessessary for the helthe of my soule. And of thys my testament and last will I make and ordeyn mȳ execu^t my cosyn John Drury, of Rowgh^{am} esquier, and S^r Robert Stelyard pson of Fynnȳgh^{am}, and Thomas Browne my clarke; gyvyng and bequethyng to eu^{er}y oñ of them xl s. for ther labor. In wyttnes wherof to thys my p^{re}sent testament and last wyll I haue sett to my seale and sȳgne manuell the yer and daye abovyn seyde. These wyttness, Thomas Neche m̄ of the colege in Bury, Wy^{llm} Colyer paryshe prest of Seyt Maryes parysh, Thome Reedd, Edmūd Hogge, et al.

Iēm I gyf and bequethe to Mastres Tyrrell, y^e wyff of Jamys Tyrrell esquier, my ij wrethed ryngē of gold, whych I ware on my thombe. Iē I gyf and bequeth to my nece Thwarton my gold ryng wth a turkes, and a crampe ryng of gold wth all. Iēm I gyf and bequeth to my nece Harvy my portygewe of gold. Iēm I gyf and bequeth to Magaret Stalker y^e yong^{er} xx s. to be delyu^{er}yd to hyr at the daye of hyr maryage. Iēm I bequethe to Edmūd Hogge my godsoñe my Kendall cote and vj s. viij d. Iē I bequeth to Anthony Wattē oñ of my furryd gowⁿys. Iēm I gyf and bequeth to John Lee, my neve, iiij^{li} whyche m̄ Danyell owyth me. Iē I gyf and bequethe to Thomas Brown my clarke aff my bokē, wth my dagard, my velvet bagge, and my ryng wt mȳ own sealle.

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[Lib. Holland, f. 32^b.]

Sir Robert Cooke, Vycar of Hawgley.—1537.

In Dei noīe Amen. The x daye of July in the yere of our Lorde God Mifimo ccccc xxxvij, I, Sr Robert Cooke, vycar of Hawgley, in the dyoces of Norwych, being of good mynde and memorye, make my testament and last wyll in maner and forme foloyng: First I bequethe my sowle to Allmyghtye God, to our Lady Sayncte Mary, and to all the holy company of heuyn; and my body to be buryed in the chancell of Hawley aforesayde. Iīm I bequethe to the repaçon of the churche of Hawley xl s. Iīm I gyue to Cryste church of Norwich vj d. Iīm I wyll haue an honest prest to synge for my sowle in the church of Hawley the space of halfe a yere, and he to haue for hys wages iij li. Iīm I geue to the mendynge of the way to Hawley Grene xl s. Iīm I gyue to the mendynge of the waye in Newstrete xx s. Iīm I gyue to the mendynge of the waye at Cotthell xx s. Iīm I gyue to the mendynge of the waye in Wetherden ward vj s. viij d. Iīm I gyue to the mendynge of the waye in Newton ward vj s. viij d. Iīm I gyue to hym that shalbe vycar after me, to p^ay for my sowle, iij s. iiij d.; and I geue to the gyldyng of the ij angells on the cādēlbeme xxvj s. viij d. and more yf nede be. Iīm I wyll have xiiij pore ffolke to come to chirche to messe every Frydaye the space of a yere to praye for my sowle and all crysten sowles; and every one of them to haue for every daye j d. duerynge the sayde yere. Iīm I wyll haue a lyte brynnyng yn the chansell before the sacrement at all ſvyse the space and terme of iij yeres next after my dyssece. Iīm I wyll that every p^rst that cōmythe to my buryeng shall haue viij d., and all other p^rsons, man, woman, and chylde, j d. a pece. Iīm I wyll that those iiij parsons that shall bere me to therthe shall haue my shorteste gownes, y^t ys to saye, Thomas Harbor the best, and Robt Humfray y^e next, and Robt Hawe the thyrde, and Mr. Robt Erle the fort. Iīm I geue to Wyllm Bolo^r my fosten doblett, and to John Flecher my worst cote, and to blynde Bette a payer of hosys, and to Robart

Payne a bocram shert, and to yonge Mr. Roßt a bocram shert. Ifm I wyll that every howsoldr yn the towen have iiij d. besyde ther dole. Ifm I geve to Eñne, wages vj s. viij d. and all my wode. Ifm I wyll that Bess Nuñe, and Annes Bott, and Jone Blowyats have xij d. a pese, and the Barbores ij. dawghters xij d. Ifm for a grave ston xx s. Ifm I geve on to Crysten Cooke, my mother, xx s. Ifm I geve to S^r John my brother xx s. and all my boks, excepte the play boks. Ifm I geve to Robart my brother xx s. and my best cote and a payer of bocram shettē, and the best huche, and all my play boks, and to Annes hys wyfe x s. and to every one of hys iiij. chylderne xx s. a pese. Ifm I geve to John my brother xx s. and my mattres, and a payer of bocram shetts and the hucche yn the halle. Ifm to Katheryn hys wyfe vj s. viij d. If I geve to Maryon my syster xx s. and my covlyte, and a payer of shettē. Ifm I geue to Marget my syster xx s. and to hor hosbonde vj s. viij d., and also to Austen Joker my godson xij s. iiij d., and to every one of the resydew of Margettē chyltern vj s. viij d. a pese. Ifm I geve to Crysten Smythe my syster xx s. and my coberde and my fetharbede, and the lyttyll tabyll, and to John Smythe hor husbonde xx s. and to every one of ther iiij chylderne xx s. a pese; and I geve to every one of the resydw of my gode chylderne xij d. a pese. Ifm I geve to Alys Wellys myne aunte vj s. viij d. Ifm I geve to the pson of Wetherden xx d. If to the vyear of Nowton xx s. Ifm to S^r John of Harlyston xx d. If to S^r Rychard of Bacton xx d. If I wyll have a thyrty daye kepte wythe mete and drynk, or ellē w^t som money, and a yere daye lekwyse. Ifm I geve to the abbot and covent of Haylys vj s. viij d. If I geve to the reperacion of the churche of Badwell iij s. iiij d. If I geve to Robart Sexten the money yt he owythe me. Allso I geve to Wyllm Bucke the money that he owythe me, and to hys wyfe and every one of hys chylderne xij d. Ifm I geve to Wyllm Ryse the money that he owythe me. If I geve to S^r Nycholas Baker the money that he owythe me. If to John Tyler the money that he owythe me.

If I geve to Sr John Smart my best cappe, and he be vycar aftar me, I woll that the hangynge at y^e benche and the banker and the tramely yn the chemney, and the racke on the soler, remayne styll to hys vse. If I geve to Robt my brother a brase pott and a chayer, and to John my brother my ketyll and a chayer, and to Marget my syster my maser, and to Maryon my syster my iiij peses of pewter, and to Crysten my syster my stell pan and my lyttell huche on the soller, and my tabyll clothe. If I wyll that John Smythe, and hys wyfe, and hys chylderne, shall tak ther money of that he owythe me. If I geve on to John Burght my bowe and my shaftes. If I geve to Robt Chylde xij d. If I geve to Sr Wat^r Harrys xx d. If to Ysbell Whethurby xij d. If I geve to Margery Salt^r iij s. iiij d. If to every one of hor chyltern xij d. If I wyll have v messys songe of the v wond^e of ow^r Lorde by and by after my dysse. If I geve to George Buryght xij d. If to Besse Rysbroke xij d., to Annes Howe xij d. to Marget Dey xij d. If I geve to Thomas Barbor xx d. and to hys wyfe xij d. If to makyng of Ratyllydon xx d. If to John Gyllo, of the same towne, xij d. If to Alys Cooke xij d. If to Alys Hoxton xij d. If to Ysbell Bucke xij d. If I wyll y^t myne executo^rs shall have all the pfytt^e of my benyfyce to ow^r Ladys daye the Annoncyacyon. Allso I wyll that myne executo^rs dyscharge thys my wyll immedyately aftar my dysse. The resydewe of my good^e not bequethyd I put them to the dysposycion of myne executo^rs, whome I chose Sr John my brother and Robt and John my brotherne. To wytnes, John Burgh and Wyllm Buck.

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[Lib. Poope, fol. 24.]

William Shepard, of Mendelysham.—1537.

In Dei noīe Amen. The xijth day of December, in the yere of our Lord God M^l cccccc^{mo} xxxvij^{mo}, the xxix^{ti} yere of the reigne

of our sou^aign lord king Henry the viij, protector of the feyth and the suppreme hed immediatly vnd^r God of thys catholyke Church of Englonde, I, Will^am Shepard, of Mendelysh^am, in the countie of Suff. holl of mynde and good remembrance, make my testament and last wyll as hereaft^r foloyth: Fyrst and before all oy^o thyngē, accordyng to the p^{er}fec^on of my bap^tym, I forsake synne, and, agreyng to the othe that I p^{er}mysyd to God and to my prynce, which ys your suppreme hed of thys church of Englonde immediatly vnder God, I also forsake the Bysshoppe of Romes vsurpyt pouer wherin he caused me to trust, and commytte me vnto God and to hys marcy, trustyng w^oute any dowte our mystrust that by hys grace and the meretē of Jesu Cryst, and by the verteu of the holy passyon and of hys resurrec^on, I haue and shall haue remys^oyon of my synnē and resurrec^on of body and sowle. (Here I wold not that men shuld say that I dyspyset other holsome sacramentē or good seremonys. But because I am rude and vnlernyd, and know not the scriptur, and therfor loke what Godē Word sayth of theym, that saym do I beleue w^out any dowte or mystrust.) As touchyng the whelth of my sowle, my grond and beleue ys that their ys but one God, and one Mediator betwene God and mā, which ys Ihesu Cryst, so that I do excepte none in heuyn nor in erth to be my medeator betwene me and God bot only Ihesu Cryst. (Here in thys poynte I wolde not y^t mē shuld thynk that I regard not the prey^r of my Crysten bretheryn, bot that I desyre all good Crysten bretheryn to pray w^t me that Godē wyll myght be done in me and in all men; ffor herin I trust to the p^{er}myse of God, he that beleuyth and ys bap^tysed shalbe sau^yd, and he that beleuyth not shalbe damnyd.) And as towchyng the buryng of my body, I remytt yt ouly to the dyserec^on of my executryx. And as towchyng the dyst^{er}hu^on of my tempall goods, my purpos ys, by the grace of God, to be stow them as frutē of fayth, so that I do not suppose that my meryte be by good bestowyng of theym, but my meryte ys by the fayth of Ihesu Cryst only, by which faith suche workē are

good. (Here in thys poynt I wold not that mē shuld thynk that I dysspote good workē, bot becuse we haue ben most chefly deceuyd by the trust and cōfydence that we had in our workē, makynge theym equal w^t Cryste p^rciouſ blod, therfor I wold we shuld cōsyder the true sentens, that a good worke makyth not a gud mā, bot a good mā maketh a good worke, for faith maketh the mā bothe good [and] reghtues, for a ryghteouse mā leuyth by faith. What so eu^y spryngyth not of faith is synne.) I wyll that Margery my wyff haue my howse and all my landē, bothe free and copie, sett, lying, and beyng wⁱn the towne of Mendelysh^am afore seid. And yff God send of my body begoton, be yt son or doȝht^r, I wyll the chyld shall haue the seid house and londē at the age of xxj^a yerys, and she to leue the chyld the seid londē all holl as she had theym of me, with iiij horse and iiij neet. And if she departe the world before the chyld come to the age of xxj yeres, then I will that she chose ij honest and just mē to be hir attorney, to the behowe of the chyld, to se the lordē rent payd, and the howse repaired, and they contentyd for their paynes takynge; and the ou^rplus I wyll yt be bestowed yerely amonge my kynred where most nede ys, tyll the chyld be at xxj yercs of age; and if so be the chyld dept the world before hyr, or if she be not w^t chyld by me, I wyll that she chose ij honest men to be hir attorney, and she to make a wyll of a sale of the seid house and londē to hir best auantage, and the one halfe of the money to be dystrybutyd among my kynred wher most nede ys, and the o^y halfe to be deuydet in ij partē, the one part to the mendyng of the fowle slowys betwene thys my howse and Reuytte gate to the rode ward, and the other halfe to hir chyldryn, yf God send hir any by another husband; and if God send nay chylidren, I wyll that y^t pt also go to dedē of charyte whith in the towne of Mendelysh^am. Iīm I geue to Thom^as Poole a blake horse, also a ronyd colte, and to his doȝht^r, my godchylde, a rede stere calfe. Iīm to Robart Aues my lad I gyue a rede calfe. Iīm I geue to Jone Whytyng, the doȝht^r of Ryč Whytyng of

Erle Stonh^am, a donne calfe, and also a cote of murre color. Iſm I geue to Thom^as Glou^o, the son of Thomas Glou^o, a blake dowyd styre boloke. Iſm to Jone Boole a blake heffer. Iſm I gyue to Margery my syst^r vj busshelle of whete, and to Jone my syst^r vj bushelle whete, and to Wyll^am Wryght iiij busshelle whete, and to George Laygood iiij busshelle of whete. Iſm I wyll that Margary my wyff haue all my mouables, as corne and catall, w^t all oy^o thynge, except that which I haue geuyn to the pore. And I make the seid Margary my wyff myne executrix to fulfyll this my last wyll. These wittenes, Wyll^am Semā, John Morwhyll, George Leygood, Robart Cachepull, Symō Sewall, and oy^o.

Prob. 17 Jun. 1538.

[Lib. Brett, f. 149^b.]

Barbara Mason, Prioress of Marham.—1538.

In the name of God Amen. The iiijth day of September, in the yere of o^r Lord God Mⁱ dxxxviij. I, Barbara Mason, sumtyme pryorysse of Marh^am, in the county of Norff., beyng in Bury Seynt Edmūds, in hooll mynd and good remembrauns, make this my p^{re}sent testament and last wyll in man^{er} and forme folowyng: Fyrst, I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God, to our Lady Seynt Mary, and to all the holy cōpeny of heuyn; and my body to be buried in holy sepultur wher God be plessed. Iſm I bequeth to the hyght aulter of the paryshe [church] in Haylle, where I dwelle, for my tythes forgotyn, xij d. Iſm I bequeth to my brother Richard Mason a fetherbed next the best, a bolster, a payer of shet^e, and a cou^{er}let. Iſm I bequeth to Barbara Barcom, my suont and goddowter, my best bedd, a bolster, ij payer of shet^e, and a cou^{er}lett. Iſm I bequeth to Nycholas Esthaw my best cou^{er}lett lynyed wyth canwas, and my ryng^e w^t stonys, in my coffer in Haylle. Iſm I bequeth to my syster Isabell Mason ij sylu^{er} sponys and my beste vayle. Iſm I bequeth to Elyn Mason a payer of shet^e, a kercher, and a coffer. Iſm I bequeth to Ny-

cholas Esthaw wyff ij new sylu⁹ sponys and all my rayment and jewelle y^t I haue abowtte me in Bury yf God send for me. Allso I wyll Barbara Barcom, my goddowter and ſuant, shall haue my wosted kyrtell and clothe kyrtell, and my frokē in Hayllē. Iſm I bequeth to Elyn Mason's chyld, my goddowter, xij d. Allso I wyll y^t all my disches and platters be devyded betwyn my syster Mason and her chyld Elyn and Barbara Barcom my ſuant. Allso I geve to Robt Awoode for his payns iij s. iiij d. Allso I wyll the bed, and the twylt cou⁹lyt, and the rede coffer that master Schowldh^m hathe, be solde be my executo^rs, and the money therof to go to a pⁱst to prey for me and all my frynde^r soulys. Allso I wyll haue a marbell stonne to lye oñ my grave, and scripture on ytt. Allso I geve to Barbara Barcom, my ſuant, a webbe of newe clothe on bleched. Allso I geve to my ostes Esthaw another webbe of clothe bleched. Allso I geve to my brother Richard Mason iij sylu⁹ sponys. Allso I bequeth to Nycholas Esthaw my sylu⁹ pece and iij sylu⁹ sponys w^t mayeden hedē. Allso I bequeth to Alys Benson a pellow and a towell. Allso to Xpōfer Benson my god son xij d. and a pewt^r dyche. Allso I bequeth to the churche of Haylle a vesment of grene sylke, betyn w^t goold, and a dyep towell of vij yardē longe. Allso I geve to the seid churche a fyne kercher to make a corporesse clothe, and that lȳth in my lytell coffer whiche is w^tin my rede coffer att my beddē fette. Allso I geve to my ostes Esthaw a tabyll clothe of dyep and a towell. Allso to Barbara Barcom a cownter poynt and a payer of beds y^t be at my beddē hed. Allso to Edmūd Mason a pewter dyshe and a plater. Allso I geve to Barbara Barcom a brasse potte y^t Jeutt hathe. Allso to Richard Mason a brase pan w^t to erys. Allso to Nycholas Esthaw a bason and ewer of pewter. Allso to my syster Mason a chaffyndyche. Allso I will ther be done for my soule and for my frende^r soulys at my vij day vj s. viij d. and on my xxx^{ti} day x s. and iij s. iiij d. to pore folke to prey for me. The resedew of my goods, moveabyll and vnmoveabyll, w^t all my detts to me dew and to be dew, I putt them to the dys-

cession of my executo^rs, whom I constitute, make, and ordeyn Richard Mason my brother and Nycholas Esthaw of Bury afor-seid, and they to do for me as they wold be don for. Iſm I geve to yche of them for their labor x s. These wytnesses, John Grene, Will^am Broke, and other.

Prob. 14 Sept. 1538.

[Lib. Holland, f. 50^b.]

Alyce Harvy, of Bury.—1538.

In the name of God Amen. The xxvij daye of November, in the yere of o^r Lord God M^lccccxxvij, I, Alyce Harvy, of Bury Saynt Edmund, in the countie of Suff. wydoo, beynge of hole mynd and good remembrance, make thys my testament and laste wyll, in maner and forme folowyng: Fyrste, I bequethe my sowle to allmyghty God my maker and redemer; my body to be buried in the porche on the south syde of Saynt Mary's church by my husbond Fyrmyn. Iſm I bequethe to the hyghe aulter of the seyd church, for my tythes and oblacyons neclygently forgotten, in dyscharyng of my coneyence vj s. viij d. Iſm I bequethe to the reparacyons of the forseyd church xij s. iiij d. Iſm I gyve and bequeth to Rychard Gedge j fetherbed, j materes, j payre blankettē, ij pelowys wyth the berē, vj payre shetē wyth the sparver curtanys of dornyke, j grene coverlyght, j greate brasse pott and a great chafer, j posnet wyth a stele, j of the brwyng cowderons, j of the pannys, j skelet panne, vj pewter platers, vj pewter dyshes, vj pewter porryngers, vj sawcers, ij candylstyke of lattyn, on sylver pece wyth the bowche of the letter in the botom, vj sylver sponys, j payre corall bedē thryse fyfty, ij hutches, j brode hutche that standyth in my chamber and the great brode hutche in the parlor, the best table that stonyth in the hall, ij spetē, ij table clothes of playn cloth, ij dyaper napkyns, the copburd in the middē of the hall and the rounde table. Iſm I bequith to Wyſm Fyrmyn, my son, the new pounced pece parcell gylte, vj sylver sponys wyth the

molens hedde, on payre whyte amber bedde of fyfty pñ nñ sylver and gylte wyth the gawdes, j fetherbed, on matres, ij pelowys wythe the beres, on bolster, vj payre shette, one payre blankette, oon coverynge of dornykke, one greate pott, one caudron wyth a byell, vj pewter platers, vj pewter dyshes, vj sawcers, vj porryngers, ij candylstykke, one spruce hutche whyche stondyth on my chamber, ij spette, one dyaper cloth, and a nother of playne clothe, one chafer, one posnet, one copborde next the chamber dore in the halle, ij dyaper napkyns, one tester, one seller steynynd clothe wyth v wounde and ij curtayns thervnto steynynd. Iñm I bequeth to Elyzabeth Doon, my dowghter, one sylver salte, vj sylver sponys wyth knoppys on thende, one pounced pece sylver, ij masers wyth bonde sylver and gylte, one payre bedys corall thrise fyfty gawdes sylver and gylte, ij table clothes, one of dyaper another playne, ij napkyns of diaper, ij fetherbedde, on matres, ij traunsoms, ij pelowys wyth the berde, vj payre shette, ij payre blankette, my best coverynge, one greate brasse potte, one lytle pot of whyte brasse, the best chafer wyth the byell, my best harnysid gyrdyll of golde callyd a dymysent, one spruce hutche, whyche stondyth in my perlor, one brasen mortar wyth the pestell. Iñm I gyve and bequethe to Elyzabeth Doon the yonger, one harnest gyrdyll wyth a longe pendaunt of sylver, and ij sylver sponys. Iñm I bequeth to Kateryn Doon one harnest gyrdyll callyd a dymysent blacke sylke and ij sylver sponys. Iñm I wyll that myn executors shall have, take, and reseve all my dette to me dewe or to be dewe, to the performance of this my present testament and laste wyll and dyscharyng all my dette whyche I do now owe. Iñm I wyll that yche of my chyl dren, that is to sey, Rychard Gedge, Wyñm Fyrmyn, and Jefferey Doon, shall have x markde of the money that shall come of my houses whan the shalbe sold, yf it may be borne. Iñm I wyll that the copye close wythowte the sowth gate shall go wyth the howse or mesuage stondyng in the Sowthgate Strete, next Youxford Lane, in Bury for ever. Iñm I gyve and bequeth to s Wyñm Norman, prest, to

pray for my sowle, my frendē sowles, and all crysten sowles, viij markē sterlynge, to be payd to hym by myn executors of the fyrste payments that shall cōme of the sale of ony of my seyde mesuage or tenementē to be sold. The resydue of all my goodē, implementē, juellē, and stuffe of houshold, I wyll they be equally devyded amongē my iij sayd chyldren, that is to witte, Rychard Gedge, Wyllm Fyrmyn, and Elyzabeth Doon, by even porcyons, at the dysposycyon of myn executors, whom I constytute and orden of thys my present testament and last wyll Jefferey Doon my son-in-lawe and s John Webster clerke, and I gyve to iche of them for theyre labor xx s. over and besyde the ordynare expensē and chargē. In wytnes whereof I the seyde Alyce to thys my present testament and laste will have putte my seall the day and yere aboveseyd. Theis wytnessen, Mathew Langh^{am}, Rychard Cok, George Skilleys, Reygnold Toller, and John Tylney, scribe.

Prob. 18 Dec. 1540.

[Lib. Holland, f. 61.]

Anne Buckenham, of Bury.—1539.

In the name of God Amen. The xxth daye of the monethe of Maye, in the yeaere of oure Lorde God 1539, I, Anne Buckenh^{am}, of Burie Sainte Edmunde, doughter of Hughe Buckenh^{am} esquire, beinge at Burie wth good and hole mynde, make and ordayne this my psente testamēte and last will in manner and forme folowing: Firste, I comende and bequeathe my sowle to Almightye God, to oure Ladye Sainte Marie, and to all the Saints in heven, and my bodie to be buried. Ifm I gyve and bequeathe to the highe aluter of oure Ladye, for my tythes and offeringgs to lytle payde and for the helthe of my sowle, iij s. iiij d. Ifm I gyve and bequeathe to the prisshe churchē of Lyvermere Magna a chalis to the valewe of xl s. yf yt maye be borne of my goods. Ifm I will that at my burienge daye the prisshe preste of the churchē of oure Ladye shall have at the *Diridge* and masse xx d. and that everie other

beinge at *Diridge* and masse at the discretion of myne executors, and everie laye manne that ys lettered beinge at *Dirige* and masse ij d. and everie childe ob., and in lyke manner to be ordered at my xxxth daye as in my buriall daye. Iſm I will that my executors shall dispose to poore folks in the towne of Burie, everie poore bodye ob., to the summe of xx s. be spēte where theye se moste neede, and to be donne wthin vij dayes next after my deceasse, or afore yf yt maye be convenientlie donne. Iſm I will that my executors shall dispose in lyke manner at my xxx^{tie} daye, and that to be donne iiij dayes afore my xxx daye, or wthin iiij dayes after. Iſm I will that my executors shall keape an yeaerlie obite or anniūserie the space of v yeaes ymmediatlie folowinge after my deceasse, and yt to be spent vj s. viij d. Iſm I gyve and bequeathe to Ihesus p^rste of the churche of oure Ladye iij s. iiij d. Iſm I will that myne executors shall pvide a preste to singe for my sowle, the sowles of my father and mother Hughe and Eme, and for all christen sowles, by the space of iij yeaes, and he to have for his stypende viij marks by yeare, yf yt maye be borne of my goods. Iſm I gyve and bequeathe to the chappell of Sainte Nicholas, of whom I holde my howse, a litle chalis. Iſm I will have v masses donne for my sowle and all my frends sowles ymmediatlie after my deceasse *de quinq' vulnerib; Xp'i*. Iſm I will have xxx masses done songe for my sowle at my buriall daye, or as shortlye after as yt maye be done, and in lyke manner at my xxx^{tie} daye. Iſm I will that my executors gyve to a poore man that will saye everie Fridaye in the yeare the vij psalmes wth the letany j d. by the space of an hole yeare, and to a poore bodie by the space of an whole yeare that wolde saye y^e psalter of oure Ladye everie Saterdaye ob. and everie Sundaye by the space of a yeare in breade to iiij poore bodies j d. Iſm I give and bequeathe to the chappell in the manner of Buckenh^am, in Lyuermere Magna, my table of alabaster wth the imagies of the Trinitie, Sainte Peter, and Saſte Nicholas, there to remayne as long as yt maye endure. Iſm I gyve and bequeath to John Bullocke my godsunne vj s.

vijj d. Iīm to Eden Cowp my goddoughter iij s. iiij d. Itm I will that my executors shall receyve my annuitie w^{ch} ys dewe to me, and that to be disposed in pformaunce of this my will and in deeds of charitie for the helthe of my sowle. The resydewe of my goods, moveable and vnmovable, I putto the dispocicion of myne executors. And of this my p̄sent testamēte and last will I constitute and ordayne my executors Mr. Robert Stilliarde clarke and Sir John Stacie. And I gyve to the sayde Mr. Robarte for his laboure, and to praye for my sowle, v marks, and so much of my goods as shalbe to the valoure of v marks. Iīm I gyve to the sayde Sir John for his laboure xxvj s. vijj d. Also I do fullye adnull and revoke all other wylles and testamēts made or written by me or my assignes from the begynnynge of the worlde vnto this daye, willinge this onlie to stande in effecte. Wytnes wherof I have setto onlie my seale before these p̄sent, subscribed p me dominū Johem Barkerum, p me dominū Johem Osmonde, p me Thomam Lacie, John Cooke, Thomas Clitter. M^d. that the place of her buriall she revoked vpon the daye of Sainte Andrewe, before these wytnes that folowethe, John Cooke, John Bryghte, Wylliam Larke, Robert Byrde, Thom^s Reade.

Proved 6 April, 1546.

John King, of Bury, scolmayster.—1552.

In the name of God Amen. The xij daye of August, in the yere of our Lord God M.cccclij, and in the syxt yere of the reyn of our Souāyn Lord King Edward the Syxt, I, John King, of Bury Sanct Edi, in the com. of Suff. scolmayster, being in hole and p̄fyght mynde, do make and ordeyne this my p̄sent testament and last wyll in maner and forme folowing: Ffirst, I bequethe my sowle to Almyghtye God, my maker, redemer, and sauour, and my body to holy sepulture, and my goodes to be dysposed and vsed in forme and maner folowinge: In primis I geue vnto my mother Margaret Tomlynson, the wyfe of Rychard Tomlynson,

dwelling in Trynpte pyshe in Colchyster, xx s. of lefull monye, and one syluer spone. Iſm I bequethe vnto my brother Robt King thelder xx s. and one syluer spone. Iſm I geue to my brother James Tomlynson, the son of Rychard Tomlynson, xx s. and one sylu^o spone. Iſm I geue vnto Katheryne Bat xx s. and one sylu^o spone. Iſm I geue unto Elyzabethe Chamber xx s. and one syluer spone. Iſm I geue vnto my brother Robt thellder all my lynnen except my too best shirts. Iſm I geue to my brother Robt the yonger, one pyllow. Iſm vnto my syster Katheryne one pyllowe. Iſm vnto my syster Elyzabethe one pyllowe. Iſm to my brother James one pyllowe. Iſm I geue onto my father in lawe Rycharde Tomlynson a peace of syluer of v s. Iſm I geue vnto my hostyes Cheston my cobbornes, the fyer pany, and the tonges. Iſm I geue vnto Thomas Andrues my best fetherbed and my best boulder. Iſm I geue to mother Butcher one ioyned forme. Iſm I geue vnto Thomas Larke my best cote, my best dublet, my petycote, my best capp, my best hoses, my best shoes, my best sleepers. Iſm I geue to Robt Hall ij ioyning stoles. Iſm I do geue for implements to remayne vnto the scholle the hangyns in my chamber, one table, one ioyned forme, one sede, Pline de naturali historia, Virgilius cum commento, Oratius cum coñiento, Ouidius cū commento. Iſm I geue to Mr. Sterman, Eusebius ecclesiæ historia. The resydue of my goodes, of what nature soeuer they be, mouable or vnmouable, I geue vnto Wiffm Cheston, of Bury Saynt Edmond, tanner, to haue them and hold them, dyscharging this my last will and pforming the same, whome I constytute and make my sole executour of this my last will and testament. Thes being wytnes, John Stermā pryst, Stephane Cheston, Robt Hall, Bartylmewe Davyson, and Thomas Larke.

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[Lib. Sunday, f. 247^b.]

Gilys Levyt, of Bury.—1552.

In the name of God Amen. This is the laste will and pfynt

testament of me Gyls Levyt, of Bury Saynt Edmund, in the counte of Suff. made and wrytten wth my owne hand, vnder the fere of God, being in good and p^{er}fytt remembraunce, the viijth daye of November, in the yere of o^r Lord God M.cccclij, and in the sixte yere of y^e raynge of o^r most dread Soverayne Lord Edward y^e vjth., by y^e grace of God, of Inglond, Ffraunce, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and in erth of the Church of Inglond, and also of Ireland, the sup^{er}me head, as hereafter followth and ensuythe : Ffirst I yeld, gyve, and bequethe my sowll to y^e All^{te} God y^e blyssyd Trynite, trustinge and most faythfully beleving y^t by and thoroughe y^e meryte of Soveour Christe most blyssyd and bitter passyon and blood shedding y^t my sowle after y^{is} p^{re}s^{en}t lyfe shall rest wth Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdome of Heaven for ever more. And also I comytt my body to be buried in the church eithe, and y^e ministers of the church to be synging or saying y^e psalme of *Miserere* wth other good psalmes or prayers, even from y^e place where I shall leve this my mortall lyfe vnto my sepulture, and the mynisters to be rewardid for ther paynes by my executrix honestly. And farther I will y^t S^r John Starmā, or some other, make at my buryall daye a smale collacōn of the Scripturē, desyering all psones to forgeve me y^t I have offendyd, and he to have for his labor ij s. Also furthermore I denull, disalow, and sett att nothing, all former wills and testaments w^{ch} I have made or cawse to be made sence y^e beginning of the worlde vnto this p^{re}s^{en}t daye and owre. And that this p^{re}s^{en}t will shall allwaies be excepted and taken for my ryght, just, and trew wyll and testa^{men}t for euermore. Furdermore I geve and beq^{ue}the vnto Elysabethe my wyfe my howse at Rysbygate, callyd y^e King's Head or Saynt Edmūds Head, w^{ch} I bowght and purchased of mayster John Eyer esquier, to have and to holde to her and to her heires for ever more. And all my howshold stuffe or moveable goods, saving all those howshold stufe, moveable goods, and implemēts, w^{ch} ar and be letten wth y^e said howse vnto Christofer Foustone by inventory, w^{ch} howshold stuffe, goods, and imple-

ments, I geve and bequethe vnto Kateryne Levytt my dowghter, or monye for the same according as y^e be p^sed wthin the said inventory, at her wyll and pleasure after her mothers decease. Also I gyve vnto y^e said Kateryne Levyt ij fetherbedds, ij bolsters, ij coverlyts, iiij paire of shetts, iiij pillowes, iiij cusslines, one chayer, and sixe newe joynyd stolys, syxe pewter platters of the best, iiij^{or} pewter disshes, sixe sawcers, iiij poddingers, ij bell candelstycks of latten, and too smale candilstycks. It to basons of latten, and one ewer, iiij pewter potts, ij quartes, and ij pyntes. Iġm ij brasse potts, one great pott, y^e other sumwhat smaller, one posnett, too brasse pannys, to kattylls, one skyllet panne, too spytts, too brand irons, one pott hanger, one cownter, one forme. Iġm I also geve her sixe siluer sponys, thre tabull clothys, whereof one dyap, sixe napkines, one carpytt, one dryppine panne of iron. Iġm I geve also to the said Kateryne nyne pownds viij s. of monye w^{ch} I will she shall receyve of, and by the too last obligacōns of the sixe w^{ch} Christofer Fustone ys bownd to me in for certeyne stuffe w^{ch} he bowght and had of me. Also I gyve her my best gowne of pewke, and also after her mother's decease I gyve her my newe cubbord wth y^e presse in yt, and too great books, y^e Bybyll and the New Testament, wth y^e booke of y^e Kings Statuts. Iġm I geve to Robt Carles one gowne, and to Lawrence Canvys one other, and to mother Harvy, my syster in lawe, the thurde w^{ch} I last made. The rest of all my moveable goods vnbeq^ethed wthin this p^sent will and testamēt I gyve to Elyzabethe my wyffe, whom I ordeyne and make my sole executrix, and she to receyve my detts and paie my detts and all my legaces and bequethes, according to the trwe [meaning] and effect of this my said will and testament. Furder, I ordeyne, constitute, and make to be overseer and supvisor, to se this my p^sent will and testament pformid and don in eūy poynt accordyng as is rehersed herein, Mayster John Holte, of Cockfyld, yf yt plese him to take so muche payunes for me, and he to have for his payunes too aungell nobles and all his costs and charges in traveyling for the same. Iġm I will that

Elyzabethe my wyffe shall have my tenement duringe her lyfe, w^{ch} I bowght of Robert Jacobb, lying in Long Breklond, and after hir decese I geve yt to Kateryne Levyt my dowghter and her heires. And I gyve to the said Kateryne tenne pownds of money, and xij s. to make vpp y^e full of xx^{li} wthin this wyll resytted, w^{ch} I will shall be paid her by my executrix at y^e daye of hir mariage. And if ytt fortune y^e said Kateryne to dye and depte this worlde before her maryage, y^{en} I will y^t y^e said tenne pownds be equally devyded betwene my ij brothers sonnes, w^{ch} were wth me at Bury, Thom^{as} Levyt and John Levyt, and to my said wyffes children wthin this p^{re}snt namyd, by equall por^{ti}ōns. I geve also vnto Lawrence Canvas xx s. and also to Margaret Carlys xx s. and to Steven Skott's wyfe, my wyfes dowghter, xij s. iiij d. and to my wyvys syster Jone Harvy, and Will^m Harvy her sonne, either of them vj s. viij d. I^{tem} I also gyve vnto my kynsman Thom^{as} Levyt and John Levyt beforesaid, to eyther of them xx s. and to every godchild I have syxe pence. Teste Willmo Rokitt, Willmo Tassell, Martino Boltone, Willmo Baker, drap, Joh^{ne} Butry, Jo^{se} Sta^rman, chapleine.

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[Lib. Sunday, f. 56^b.]

Agnes Hals, of Bury.—1554.

In the name of God Amen. In the xijth day of December, in the yere of o^r Lord God 1554, I, Agnes Hals, of Bury St. Edmond, wedow, beinge of hole mynde and p^{ro}ftt remembrance, at Bury aforeseid, thanked be God, do ordeyne and make this my p^{re}snt testament and last will, in maner and forme followinge: That is to say, ffirst I bequeath and commend my soule to Almightye God my maker, redemer, and savior, and trustinge in the blessid and bitter passion of Jesus Christ to be saved; and my body to be buried in holy sepulture. I^{tem} I bequeth to the repa^{ci}ōn of St. Mary's Church in Bury aforeseid xx s. I^{tem} I will that myne

executors shall distribute and deale to the poore people and for other charge at my buriall day vjⁿ. And in like maner at my thirty day iiijⁿ. Iſm I geve and bequeath to my sone John Xpofersō my best bed of downe, and a bolster, w^t a paier of fustian blākets, oon paire of fyne shetis of iij bredis, and oon paire of fyne shetis of ij bredes and a halfe, and oon paier of two bredes, ij pillowes of downe, and ij fyne pillow beres, and my best coveringe of the Passion, with the celler and tester of skarlet. And a table cloth, and a towell of damaske worke, with xij napkins belonginge to the same, two other table clothes of diaper, oon fyner then the other, two towells, oon dussen of plaine napkins, and oon garnishe of pewter vesseff marked with J. and C. and a charger. I bequeath also my seid sonne my best syluer salt w^t the cover, hauinge a borral in the bottome, and a George on the toppe, and my gilt truncke w^t glasses rond about it w^t the cover, and thre gilt goblettē w^t the cover, and my best syluer potte, and the great ryng that was his fathers of gold. I bequeath also my seid sonne and Elizabeth his wief my beades gauded gold, and after the decease of my seid sonne I will that Olyver Xpoferson shall haue the seid gilt salt w^t the cover. Iſm I will that my mesuage or teñt w^t thapprtinancē in Bury aforeseid, wherin I now dwell, to be sold by myne executo^rs, and the money therof cōminge I will shalbe evenly devided emonge the thre children of my seid sonne John Xpofersoun. And further, if it fortune any of the seid thre childrē to dye before they cōme of lawfull age, then I will the lenger lyver of thē to inioye all the hole. And further I bequeath my seid sōne and my daughter his wief vj siluer spones, halfe of the xij Apostles. Iſm I geve and bequeath my sōne-in-law George Everton, and my daughter Mary his wief, the next best hed of downe, with the bolster, oon paier of fustiā blanketts, oon fyne paier of shetes of thre bredes, oon other fyne paier of ij bredes and a half, and oon other fyne paier of shetes of ij bredes, two pillowes of downe, and two fyne pillow beres. I geve and bequeath my seid sonne also my thre great bolles with the cover pcel gilt, and

halfe a dussen of siluer spones that he haue of myne already, and my little silver salt w^t the cover, and halfe a dussen of silver spones of the xij Apostells, and my pomander of gold, oon table cloth, and a towell next to the best of diap, oon other table cloth of diap of a courser sorte, oon dussē of diap napkins and a towell of diap, and halfe a garnishe of pewter vessell next to the best, and my rynge of the Passion of gold, and my silver pot w^tout eares gilt w^t the cover. And to my daughter Mary, my ringe with the ēmerod, and my best violet gowne, and a dussen of porringers marked with J and A, and vj great old quisskins. Iſm I geve and bequeath to my daughter Anne Knap, to be delivered hir by myne executo^{rs} whēsoeu she shall fortune to be wedow, if she so long lyve, oon fetherbed, and a bolster, oon paire of fyne shetes, and ij other good paier of holland, ij pillowes of downe, and ij fyne pillow beres, my great coveringe of huntinge, oon table clothe, and a towell of diap, and oon dussen of playne napkins. And further, if it fortune the same Anne to dye before the receyte of my legacy and bequest, then I will the same to be equally devided, bestowed, and delyvered, to my seid daughters ij sonnes, that is to saye: Wiſm Morkelowe, when he cōmith out of his yeres of prentiswood, and to hir younger sonne George Knap when he shall accomlishe thage of xxj yeres or be maried. Iſm I bequeath to Wiſm Morkelowe, son of my daughter Anne, a fetherbed, a bolster, and ij paier of flaxen shetes, a paier of blanketts, and a paier of course shetes, and a coveringe, a table cloth, a towell, and a dussen of playne napkins, and halfe a garnishe of pewter, a brasse potte, ij pañes and a spete, and vj^{li}. xiiij s. iiij d. in ready money. Iſm I bequeath to my good lady and nece dame Johan Warren, of London, my salt inamyled, for a poore token of remembraūce, to the intent and desyeringe her to be good vnto my children. Iſm I bequeath to my nece Mary Gifford, wief vnto Wiſm Gifford of London, mercer, my ringe with the wepinge eie. Iſm I bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Trotter, oon gold ringe w^t a saffer, oon flat silver pece w^t a collūbyne in the

bottome, ij paier of flaxen shetes, oon table cloth, and a towell of diap, my best cassocke gawded w^t velvet, and my tauny satten kirtell. I^m I bequeath to my good lady dame Margaret Blen^ohesset, a goblet w^t the cover pcell gylt, and a folted table w^t iron. I^m I bequeath to Mr. John Eyer of Bury, esquier, my best gylt pott w^t ij eares and the cover. I^m I bequeth vnto good Mistris Eyer his wief my leyver of siluer pcell gilt. I^m to my son Augustyne Steward my ringe with the dead mañes head. I^m to my good neighbo^r Thom^as Cage my litle silver pott w^t the cover havinge a marchūnts marke. I^m I bequeath to my good neighbo^r his wief my best velvet ptlet and my myll. I^m I bequeath to my neighbo^r Mr. Nicholas Paines wief oon charger. I^m I bequeath to my godson Ffrançs Lucas oon paier of holland shetes. I^m to my god daughter Dorothe Hanh^am a table cloth. I^m to my godson Henry Cage, son of Robt Cage, oon good paier of shetes. To my godson Thom^as Allen, oon course paier of shetes. To Elizabeth Sparke, wedow, my cūy day kirtell, oon smocke, oon of my night kerchers, and oon of my night railes. To Mary Petergill, my mayde, if she fortune to be w^t me whē it shall please God to call me, oon paier of shetes, two night kerchers, my worky day cassocke, iiij neckerchers and vj s. viij d. in ready money. I^m I bequeath to Alice Harmā, my mayde, if she fortune to be wth me when it shall please God to call me, oon matteras, a paier of shetes, a bolster, my old violet gowne, and vj s. viij d. in ready money. I^m I bequeath to Ffrancē Goldingh^am ij s. iiij d. To Robt Markes ij s. iiij d. To Robt Marche ij s. iiij d. To Water Stanton ij s. iiij d. Granger xij d. Edward Bardwell xij d. To Thomas Blossse ij s. iiij d. Thomas Smythe ij s. iiij d. The residew of my goodē, both mouable and vnmouable, not gyven, bequeathed, or assigned, I will shalbe sold by mync executo^{rs} for the pformaunce of this my seid testament and last will, my debtē, chargē, funerallē, and legacē, herof discharged and paid. The residew of my goods then remayninge I will my executo^{rs} shall equally devide between them. And I ordeyne and

make my executo^{rs} my seid son John Xpoferson and George Everton, gent. And I ordeyne and make the seid John Eyer, esquier, and my son-in-law Robt Knappe, and my neighbor Thomas Cage my supviso^{rs} of my seid testament and last will. And I will that all my other willes, gyftes, geven or bequeathed, hertofore made, shalbe voide and of none effect. And also I geve and bequeath to my daughter Anne Badby my little assheⁿ pece of syluer. And also I geve and bequeath my neighbor, good Mistris Andrewes, my spon^e with a forke in the end, of silver, for a poore tokē of remembraūce. And also to Mother Huntmā a new rayle and a lockerom kercher. Witnes to the same, Robt Watīn, preist, Thomas Cage, and Edmond Bright.

Prob. penult. Apr. 1556.

[Lib. Sunday, f. 277^b.]

John Bocking, cooper, of Mildenhall.—1557.

In the name of God Amen. The xxviijth daye of October in the yea^e of o^r Lorde God 1557, I, John Bocking, cooper and Ducheman, dwelling in the paryshe of Myldenhall, in the countie of Suff. and in the dyocess of Norwiche, being in hole mynde and perfect remembrans, do make this my pñte testament and last wyll, in manner and forne folowing: Fyrst I commende my sowle to Almyghtie God, to o^r Ladie Saynt Marye, and to all the blessed companye of heauen; my bodye to be buryed in the churchyarde of Myldenhall aforesayd. Iĥm I bequethe to the reparaçons of Myldenhall church^e ij s. vj d. Iĥm I gyue to Audrye Walton, my maide, fourtie shillings, to be payd by the hands of my executryx. Item I gyue to Jane my wyfe twentye poundē that is owing me in Freselonde, in a towne named Grouye, and yf my sayd wyfe be at this p^{re}s^{ent} wth chylde, I wyll that my chylde shall haue the same twenti pounds, and yf she be not wth childe then I gyue it to hir freelye. Also I wyll that Jane my wyfe resorte vnto Mr. Lawrence, a Duche man, dwelling on the Towre Hill at Lon-

don, and to desyer him to laboure earnestlye to Mr. Berner, who shall bryng hir the sayd twentye pounde out of Freselande, for he do knowe the men that do owe me the sayd monie the same very debte. Also I wyll that Jane my wyfe shalbestowe for me at my buryall daye in deedes of charytie to the pore people twelue shillings. The resydewe of all my goods, of what kynde or sorte so euer they be, eyther of thys syde the seae or beyound the seae, I do gyue them to Jane my wyfe, whome I do make my sole and faythfull executrix, she to paye my debts and to haue my debts, to bryng my bodye honestlye to the grounde, to delyuer my legasyes, and to performe this my p̄nte testament. These being wytnesses, Wylm Godfraye, Thomas Byggman, John Walden, wth other moo.

[Lib. Doo, f. 250.]

Andrew Cranewise, barber, of Bury.—1558.

In the name of God Amen. The xxij. daie of September, in the yeare of or Lorde God, 1558, and in the v and vjth yeares of the reigne of or Souereigne Lorde and Ladie kinge Philippe and Queen Mary, I, Andrewe Cranewise, of Bury St. Edmund, in the countie of Suff., barbor, being of good minde and pfecte remembraunce, thauncked be God, mak this my laste will and testament in maner and forme ffollowinge: Firste, I vtterly revoke and adnull all maner of testaments, willes, legacies, and bequests before this tyme by me willed and declared: and I will that this only my laste will and testament, and the bequests hereafter in the same expressed, only to take effecte. Iſm I bequeath my soule to Allmightie God, and my bodie, after my departur ffrome this p̄sent life, to be buried in x̄pen buriall, accordinge to the discreaçon of my executrix. Iſm I giue to the hie aultare of St. James thapposstell in Bury aforesaide, for my tythes negligently forgotton xij d. Iſm I giue, will, and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife all that my mesuage and teñte in Bury aforesaid wherein I now dwell, and

the yarde nexte adioyninge, w^{ch} I purchased of Agnes Dandy, wedowe. Iſm I bequeath to my saide wife all that my stable and tenement, and the gardine, sytuate, lyeng, and being in Bury aforesaide, in the streate there called Olde Baxtres Streate, to haue and to holde my saide mesuage and tenement wth the yarde, and the saide stable or teñte and gardene withe thapp^rtēuncē, to the saide Elizabeth my wife and her assignes dueringe her naturall life. Iſm I will that my saide wife shall kepe the saide mesuage and tenements and other the p^rmisses in sufficient reparaçons. Iſm I giue, will, and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife, her heires and assignes for ever, all that my teñt wth thapp^rteñncē sytuate and being in Bury aforesaide, in the streate there called the Cok Rowe, w^{ch} I purchased of John Herst, to thentent that my saide wife, when she shall thinck moste conuenient, shall sell the same and wth the money therof comīng paie my debts and legacies. Iſm I will, giue, and bequeath all that my saide mesuage and tenement wth th'app^rteñncē wherein I nowe dwell, and the saide yarde, and also my saide stable or teñt and gardine wth th'app^rtēuncē in Olde Baxtres Streate aforesaide, to Willeſm Smethe, merser, and Robt Jolly, the sonne of my saide wife, there heires and assignes for ever, immediatly after the deathe of the saide Elizabeth my wife. To thentent that the saide Willeſm and Robt, there heires and assignes, shall sell the saide mesuage and teñtes, stable and gardeine, wth there app^rteñncē, by thaduisse of Thomas Andrewes supuisor of this my last will and testament, yf he shalbe then lyvinge; and yf the saide Thomas Andrews be not then lyvinge, then by there owne aduisse only, as they shall best like; and the money therof cominge, immediatly and forethwith vppon the receipt of the saide money, or any pcell therof, bestowe, giue, and delyver the same money and euery pcell therof to my foure children: that is to saie, John Cranewise, Thomas Cranewise, Agnes Cranewise, and Jone Cranewise, yf they at the tyme of the sale of the saide mesuage, teñte, stable, and gardeine, be then lyvinge; and yf any of them shalbe departed before the saide sale, then to those my saide

children that shalbe then lyvinge, by even and equall porcions amongst them to be delyvered. And if it shall happen all my aforenamed iiij children to dpt this p̄sent lyfe before the sale of the p̄misses, then I will that the auncient inhabitants of the p̄she of St. James in Bury aforesaide shall distribute by there good discreacons amongst the poore and neadie inhabitaunts of Bury aforesaide so muche woode yearely as shall extende to the sūme of tenne pounds, vntill the holl sūm and sūmes of and for the p̄misses, and euery of them, receyved by the saide Wifm and Robt, or there assignes, be in maner above declared wholly bestowed. Iſm I giue, will, and bequeath to my sonne John Cranewise all that my teñt wth thapp^rteñnce in Bury aforesaide, in the streate there called the Mustowe, wherin Robt Jollye, the sonne of my saide wife, now teachethe children, to haue and to holde the saide teñt wth thapp^rteñnce to the saide John my sonne, his heires and assignes for ever. Iſm I giue and bequeath to the saide John, my sonne, syxe hanginge basons of latton, iij wasshinge basons of latton, iij barbors potts of latten, tenne shavinge clothes, one hone, and my case wth knyves holle. Iſm I giue and bequeath to the saide John my sonne my brasen mortar and my leaden mortar wth the pestells, the bedde holle complet that he lieth in, iij barbors chaires, a dryeng bason as it standeth, my case wth instrumente pteyninge to surgery, wth all my glasses and boxes belonginge to the same. Iſm I giue and bequeath vnto the saide John my sonne a great cofer in his custodie all readie, and a meane cofer standinge at my beddes feet in my chamber, wth locke and key there vnto, also my foulte table in the ploure, ij molver stones wth the runners, one postnet of brasse y^t I boile my salve in. (All theise p̄ticuler things to him before bequeathed to be delyvered to him the saide John wⁱⁿ a quarter of one yeare after my deptime.) Iſm I giue to my sonne Thomas my best featherbedde w^t a bolster of feathers belonginge to the same, one of my best pillows, one wasshinge basone of pewter, a platter, a disshe, and a sawcer of pewter of the beste sorte, one candlestick of latten, and my round chaire

table in the plour. Iſm I giue to the aforeſaide John my ſonne one cubborde ſtanding in the buttry, alſo one diſſhe, a platter, and a ſawcer of pewter, and one poſtnet to ſeath meat in. Iſm I giue to Agnes my daughter one featherbedd, a matteras, and a bowlſter, wth all things belonginge thereunto, as yt ſtandeth nowe, wherein the ſaide Agnes lyeth. Alſo two diſſhes, two platters, and one ſawcer of pewter, one chafing diſhe of latten, one latten candleſticke of the beſt, one ſalte ſaller, one brasse potte, one poſtnet, one cofer wth locke and key. Iſm I bequeath to Jone Cranewiſe my daughter my featherbedde that I nowe lye on, wth a boulſter and a matteras, and all things holle as yt ſtande therto belonginge, wth one pellowe of feathers to the ſame, ij diſſhes, ij platters, and a ſawcer of pewter, one candleſticke of latten, one porringer of pewter, one brasse pott, one chafor of brasse to ſeath fiſhe in, one poſſenet, and one gyрте bedſtede holly as yt ſtandeth, my little cupborde in the plo^r, and my beſte chafinge diſhe wth the fot; and I will that theiſe pcells to her bequeathed ſhalbe delyvered to her the ſaide Johane after the deceaſe of the aforeſaide Elizabeth my wife, and not before. Iſm I bequeath to Agnes my daughter one cupborde in the hall, one plaine table wth one leafe, to be delyvered to her after my wiſes deceaſe; and all other things to her before bequeathed I will they ſhalbe delyvered to her wthin one yeare after my deceaſe. Iſm I bequeath to Robt Jolly my wiſes ſonne, vj hanginge baſons of latton, ij waſſhing baſons of latton, ij barbor's potts of latton, one rounde molvor ſtonne wth a runnor, ij barbors chaires, and one fyne hone; all w^{ch} things I will to be delyvered to the ſaide Robt wthin one moneth after my deceaſe. Iſm I giue to the ſaide Robt Jolly my beſte folte table in the hall and ij great hutches, to be delyvered to him after my wiſes deceaſe; and if it ſhall happen any of my ſaide children, John, Agnes, or Jone to deceaſe before the receipte of there legacies to them before bequeathed, then I will that the pte ſo deceaſed be equally deuided amonge thother of them afore-named then lyvinge. Iſm I giue to Jone Cranewiſe my god-

daughter xls. to be paide to her immediatly after my howse be soule by my executrix, as is aforesaid. Iſm forasmuche as Robt Cranewise, my eldest sonne, hathe dyverse tymes bene benefited by me before this tyme, w^{ch} notwithstandinge hath shewed himself vnthanckfull vnto me, contrary to the duetie of a childe, therefore my minde, will, and intente is that my saide sonne Robt shall haue no maner of benefite of the aforesaide money, but only my saide iiij children or the lenger lyver of them, as is afore declared. The residue of all my goodes, moveable and vnmovable, before not bequeathed nor assigned, of what name or condiçon so ever they be of, I give them vnto the aforesaid Elizabeth my wife, to bringe my bodie honestly to the yearthe, whome I ordeine and mak my sole executrix of this my last will and testament, and I desier and ordeine Mr. Thomas Andrews aforesaide to be my supuisor hereof, and for his gentle paines takinge herein wth my wife I give him vj s. viij d. Witnesse hereof, James Wright gent., John Smithe, Thomas Water-ton, and John Skett, wth other.

Prob. vij Dec. 1558.

[Lib. Sunday, f. 334.]

Willam Herde, of Bury, shepherd.—1559.

In the name of God Amen. The vth daie of the moneth of Marche, in the yeare of o^r Lorde God 1559, I, Wiſſm Herde, of Bury St. Edmund's, sheperde, holle of minde and of good remembraunce, thauncks be to God, do make and ordeine this my p^sent testament and last will in maⁿ and forme followinge: Ffirst I bequeath my soule, &c. and my bodie to be buried in holy sepulture. Iſm I giue to Elizabeth my daughter, my best bedd in the hall complet wth all the steyned clothes hanginge about yt. Iſm I giue to Rose my daughter a flockbedde standinge in the plo^r, wth a paire of sheats, a couerlet, a boulster, and the stayned clothes about yt. Iſm I giue to Margaret my daughter, my bedd at Westley,

a paire of sheats, one of the best and an other of the other, a couerlet, wth the greatest panne. Iſm I giue to Rose my daughter my best coat, a lyttle keatle, a fryeng panne, a skomer, a paire of cobyornes, a gredyron, a pewter platter, a sawcer, a salt seller, two candlesticks, a hutche on the sollar. Iſm I giue to Elizabeth my daughter my panne, a skommer, a gredyron, a spitte, a skillet panne, a pewtir platter, two candlesticks, a pewter pott, a sawser, a salteseller, wth a cofer in the plo^r. Iſm I giue to Margaret a keatle, a pott, a frieng panne, a skommer, a spet, a gredyron, two platters, the best salteseller, a sawser, two candlesticks, a hutche in the hall. Iſm I will my cowe, my bullocke, xx olde shepe, and x hoggs to be sould by thaduise of my executo^rs, to tak my debts to paie my debts, to bringe my bodie honestly to the grounde. The resydue of my money to be equally devided amongst my three children. I will there holle ptes to be delyvered to them at there xvij yeares of age. Iſm yf it fortune any of my children do departe afore that age, I will these goods be geoven to thother. Of this my last will and testament I make my executo^rs Thomas Willes thelder, and John Fellows thelder, in wittness wherof I haue sette my seale the daie and yeare abouewritten, and they to haue for there labo^rs xij s. Theise being wittnesses, Witſm Fox, Water Godderde, and John Parker.

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[Lib. Sunday, p. 351.]

Sir William Paynter, of Bardwell.—1559.

In the name of God Amen. The yere of oure Lord God Mⁱccccclix^{tie}, the xiiij^{ten} daye of Octobre, 1, Sir Wiſſm Paynter, parryshe preest of Bardwell, in the countye of Suff. hole of mynde and good memorie, w^t all vnderstanding of good and evell, make this my last will. Furst I giue into thand^e of my Lorde God my s pryte and my sowle, who hathe redemed yt w^t hys moost p^ociuous bloode; my bodye to be buried in the chawnsell where yt shall please God my bodye to be separated ffrom this terrestyall

worlde, and my sayd bodye to be browght to the erthe wythe out pompe or pryde, honestly as a mynister and a pryste owte to be: yf the lawes of the realme do serve and the procedyngē of the heyghe powers wyll suffer by the order of the lawe, to haue the obseruatyons and ryghtes of the catholyke churchē. Iīm I wyll that all my dettes be trewly contentyd and payed, all thyngē layd apart. Iīm I wyll the pouertye to haue meate and drynke suffyeyent, and the clarkes and ryngars lykewyse. Iīm I gyue and bequeth to the noysome hye wayes where most nede requyre ther to bestowe tenne shyllynge. The resydewe of my goodes not bequethed I gyue them all to Elynor my seruant, sauḡg thes pcells I gyue to my neuwe Rychard Warde, my best jacket, and one of my gownes to make hym a cote therof; and I wyll that the sayd Elynor shall take all my dettes and paye my dettes, and put w^t hyr a coaiutor superuysor Mr. Vykar of Northelmeham, S^r John Barker. Wyttnesses to thes my handwryghtyngē thes men whose names folowe, Robt Yeruys, John Clarke.

Prob. xxviiij Martij, 1560.

[Lib. Paynter, f. 1.]

Thomas Wade, of Bildeston.—1569.

In the name of God Amen. I, Thomas Wade, of Bildeston, in the cownty of Suff. and dyoces of Norwyche, beyngē of good and perfyte remembraunce, yet sycke in bodye (thanks be to Allmyghti God) doo ordeyne and make this my last will and testament in maner and fourme followynge: Imprimis I cōmende my sowle into the handes of Allmyghti God my maker and redemor, hopinge to be saued by his grace throughe the merytts of Jesus Chryst my Lorde God and onely sauour; and my body to the earthe, whense I was taken owt, in hope of the blyssed and gloryous resurrection from deade at the gloryous appearingē and comynge of our sauour Chryst Jesus to judge bothe the quyeke and the deade. Item I gyue and bequethe to my brother John Wade my frease gowne, my best cloke, my spanyshe lether jerken,

my lether dublet, my blacke hose, my russet hose, my best hat, my capp, my dagger, and my girdill. Item I gyue to my brother William Wade my rode sadell and bridell withe the furnyture that longethe therevnto, my best pack sadell withe a newe wante and wantyrop withe the best girt, a malyn lyne withe my woadfat coveryngs, my hardell, and my haulfe hundred weight. Item I gyue to Samuell Cole my blacke cote, and my russet cote. Item I gyve to the pore of Bildeston twenty shillings, to be dystributed vnto them within sixe dayes after my discease, at the discretion of my executor, and my brother William Wade, withe the collectors or the mynister. Item I gyve to Nicholas Warde, mynister of Bildeston, vj s. viij d. Item I gyve to John Houlden, of Watesham, vj s. viij d. Item I will that theas implements, the benche in the parlour, the benche in the hall, the portall, and the skryne, the glasse lattases and bourdes belonginge to the howse, the two stalles in the buttrye, the dores and locks withe yron worke belonginge vnto them, withe the shine and tyle in the howse or yarde, shall remayne in and withe the howse to the vse of my brother William Wade. Item I will and bequethe to Margery my wyfe fre dwellinge in my howse that I nowe dwell in tell the feast of Saynt Michaell next after my disceace, without eny disturbance, naye genst, or sale made of the same howse not withstandinge. All the rest of my moueable goods, detts, and others wheresoeuer thei maye be fownde, I gyue and bequethe to Margery my wyfe, whome I make my sole and alone executor, to paye my detts and legacyes in this my present will conteyned and specyfyed, and thus I ende this my last will and testament made the thre and twenty daye of January, the twelfth yeare of the reigne of our Sonereigne Lady Elizabethe, by the grace of God, of Englonde and Irelande quene, and in the yeare of our Lorde God 1569, hy me Thomas Wade, testator. Theas beyng wnesse, John Houldē, Nicholas Warde, Ambrose Carboulde, John Wade of Framesden, Robert Marten.

Prob. at Bury, 18 Sept. 1570.

[Lib. Aldrich, f. 45^b.]

Rycharde Kanam, of Soham.—1570.

In the name of God Amen. The xth daye of January, in the yeare of our Lorde God a thousande fyve hundrethe threscore and tenne, I, Rycharde Kanam, of the towne of Some, in the countye of Cambrydge, laborer, beyng in pfytt mynde and good remembraunce, thancks be to God, thus makethe my laste will and testament as hereafter followethe: Fyrst I bequethe my sowle vnto Allmyghti God; and my body to be buried in the churche yarde of S. Andrewe, in Some aforesaide. Fyrst I gyve and bequethe vnto John Kanam my sonne one blacke stered heckforde of the age of two yeres and the aduantage, and one payer of shetes of hemptre, and one payer of harden shetes, two pewter platters, and one candlestycke. Item I gyve and bequethe vnto Anne Kenam my dawghter one blacke heckforde of two yeares age and the vantage, and one payer of sheets of hemptery, and one payer of sheets of hurden, two pewter platters, and one latten candlestycke, and a lyttle coffer. Item I gyve and bequethe vnto Ioane Kenam my daughter one bed as hit stondethe in my chamber, withe a vnderclothe, and my best coverlet, withe a payer of shetes withe the hanginge of the same bed, and one payer of shetes of hempteren, and one berynge sheet, ij pewter platters, and one latten candlestycke, and my grete brasse pann, one owlde kave stondyng in the buttre, one table withe a payer of tressells, and a thicke forme. Item I will that my brown mere and my geldinge shall be sowld by my executrix, and the mony for them shall be equally deuyded betwyn my wyfe and my thre children by my supuisor. Item I gyue vnto Thomas Wyllamson y^e younger my sorrell meare coults. Item I gyve vnto John Durrant the younger my best cote. All the rest of all my goods and cattalls that I haue vnbequethed I gyve wholly vnto Agnes my wyfe, whome I doo ordeine and make my full executrix, and she to paie my detts and receyue my detts, and fullfill this my last wyll, and to brynge vpp my children withall, and to proue this my laste will, and to see

me honestly brought to the grownde, as my trust ys in her. Item I doo ordeyne and make Thomas Wylliamson the elder my supuisor or overseer to see this my last will be fulfilled. Wytnes to this my last will, Thomas Wylliamson, John Durrant the elder, John Durrant the younger.

Prob. at Myldenhall, 12 Apr. 1570.

[Lib. Aldrich, f. 7^b.]

Agatha Borrowdale, of Bury.—1613.

In the name of God Amen. The sixteenth daie of October, Anno Dñi 1613, I, Agatha Borowdale, of Burie St. Edmonds, in the countie of Suff., wydowe, beinge in good and perfect memorye, thancks be to Almighty God, doe make and ordeine this my present last will and testament, in manner and forme followinge: First, I bequeath and cōmend my sowle vnto Almighty God my maker, hopinge of the p̄don of all my sinnes in y^e riche merites and death of Jesus Christ my Saviour; and my bodie to be buried wher it shall please God to dispose of the same. Alsoe I giue and bequeath vnto the poore of Newmerkytt, in the countie of Cambridge, one añuytie or yerelie rent of tenne shillinges yerelie, immediatlie after my decease, to be yssueinge and growinge owte of my teñte w^h thapp̄teñnc̄ in Burie Saint Edmonds, in the countye of Suff. w^h I purchased of Edmond Myllesonne, gent. scituate in the Crowne Streete, ats Churchgovell Street, betwene y^e tenement of Sir Wilm Poolye, knight, and Dame Anne his wyfe, on the northe, and the comon streete called Westgate Streete on the sowthe, yerely for ever, to be paid vnto the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the said towne for y^e tyme being, att the ffeast of the Anūtyaōn of the Virgine Marie; and yf it shall happen y^e said añutye or yerely rent, or any parte theirof, to be behinde and vnpaid, it shall and maye be lawfull for the overseers and churchwardens aforesaid for the tyme beinge and their successors, to enter in to the said teñte, or anye

happ^rtenñe, and to distreine for the same soe often as the same shall happen to be behinde and vnpaid, and the distres or distresses to deteine vntill the said anuytie and the arrerage of the same shalbe truely paid. Alsoe I giue another añuytie or yerely rent of tenne shillings, ymediatlie after my decease to be yssueinge owte of the same, and for ever shalbe, vnto the poore people of the pishe of St. Maryes in Burie aforesaid; and for defalte of paym^t, the overseers and churchwardens of the pishe aforesaid to enter and distraine for the same in suche sorte as I have lymitted for y^e poore of Newm⁹kytt aforesaid. Alsoe I giue and bequeath a nother anuytie or yerelie rent of tenne shillings, yssueinge owte of the premisses, and ymediatlye after my decease yearelie payable, vnto suche learned preacher as shalbe provyded by the inhabitants of Newmerkytt aforesaid, to preache in y^e chappell of the said towne, onlye for suche tyme or tymes as a preacher shalbe by them or some other good meanes their provided, and shall ther preache. And for suche tyme as noe preacher shalbe their puided, by all that tyme my will is the same be yerelye bestowed vpon repayringe of the comon waye leadinge from Saxon Streete in Woodedytton, in the said countie of Cambridge, vnto the church of Woode-dytton aforesaid; but when and soe often as a preacher shalbe provided for at the chappell aforesaid, then my will is the same to be paid vnto the said preacher toward^e his better mayntenance for ever. Also I giue another añuytie or yerelie rent of tenne shillings, ymediately after my decease yssueinge owte of the premisses and payable towards y^e mayntenance of the preacher of Sainte Maryes pishe, in Burie aforesaid, to the hands of the alderman and assistaunce of the same towne for the tyme beinge and ther successors for ever. All w^{ch} paym^{ts} to be yerelie made at y^e ffeast of the Anũtyaõn of the Virgine Marie. And yf it fortune the said twoe last anuyties or yerelye rents, or either of them, to be behinde or vnpaid at the daies aforesaid, then and soe often as it shall soe happen to be behinde or vnpaid it shall and maie be lawfull to and for the ald^rman, assistaunce, and chiefe

burgesses of the towne of Burie aforesaid for the tyme beinge, or any other by their appointment, and my desire is they wolde be pleased soe to doe, into the premisses from tyme to tyme, soe often as neede shall require, to enter and distreine, and the distres to detine vntill the said anuities or yerely rents shalbe fullye paid; w^{ch} last rent for Newemerkett I desire the saide alderman, assistance, and chiefe burgesses from tyme to tyme, soe often as they shalbe constrained to distraine for the same, to see it paid to suche as they shall vnderstand of righte y^e same to be due vnto, whether towards y^e mayntenance of a preacher in Newmarkett, or towards the repayringe of y^e waie aforesaid, yerelie as the same shall happen to be due, accordinge to my true intent and meaninge. Also I giue and bequeath vnto my grandchild Susan Myleson my said teñte, wth all and singler ther app^rtenñeç, to have and to houlde to her and the heires of her bodie for ever; notwthstandinge my will and meaninge is that the said Edmond shall have the same duringe suche tyme as he shalbe sole and vnmarried, as it was agreed betweene vs at the purchase of the same. And in defalte of suche yssue to Agatha Mileson her sister, and the heires of her hodie for ever. And for defalte of suche yssue to Borowdale Myleson, and the heires of his bodie for ever. And for defalte of suche yssues asbovesaid, my will is that the fowre severall anuyties aforesaid shall cease, and then I will that the teñtes aforesaid, wth thapp^rtenñeç, shall remaine and be vnto the aforesaid Edmond Mileson duringe his naturall life; and after his decease I will the same remayne and be vnto Frauncis Foulkes clarke, Robert Lukyn of Cambridge gent. and Robert his sonne, Thom^{as} Kilborne of Woodedytton, and Thom^{as} Kilborne and George Kilborne his sonnes, Symon Foulkes of Westlie, and Symon Foulkes his sonne, John Hasell of Bottisham, and Richard Hasell his sonne, and to their heires for ever, vpon trust and confidence that they from tyme to tyme shall keepe the same in sufficient repaçoñs, and shall demise the same at a valewable rent, and to the best profite, and make noe lease of y^e same for anie longer terme

then seaven yeres, and shall yerelie for euer deuide the pfit^s therof, y^e charges of necessarie repa^cõs defalked, into five equall parts: one parte therof my will is shall for ever yerely be distributed amongst the poore people of Newmerkitt aforesaid, by the chiefe inhabitants of the same towne; another pte thereof amoungst the poore people of the parishe of Saint Maries in Burie aforesaid; another parte therof towards the mayntenance of a learned preacher in the chappell aforesaid; another parte thei^rof towards the mayntenance of a l^erned preacher in the churche of S^t. Maries aforesaid; and the other pte towards the repayringe of the waie aforesaid, and other comon wayes w^hin the pishe of Woodeditton, to be bestowed by the discre^cõn of the inhabitants of the said towne of Woodedytton aforesaid, owte of w^{ch} profits notwthstandinge my will and mynde is that at euerie seaven yeres end the said Frauncis Foulkes, Rob^te Luken, Rob^te Lukyn, Thom^as Kilborne, Thomas Kilborne, George Kilborne, Symon Foulkes, Symon Foulkes, John Hasell, and Richard Hasell, and everie of them w^{ch} shalbe then above the age of one and twentie yeres, shall have for their paines a ringe of goulde of the price of thirtie shillinges, and yerelye suche reasonable charges as they shalbe at in repayreinge of the same messuage, and over that for their paynes and travell: prouided alwayes, and nevertheles my will and mynde is, y^t yf the said inhabitants of Burie and Newmerkitt aforesaid, or either of them, doe not prouide, or if by other meanes ther happen not to be prouyded, in the said chappell and churche respectively learned preachers, that then those that shall fayle therin, their parte respectively of the whole profits of the teñts aforesaid, bequeathed as abouesaid towards the maynetenance of the same preachers, in default therof, shalbe distributed amoungst the poore people of Newmerkytt, in the countie of Cambridge, and of Woodedytton aforesaid, yerelye for suche and soe longe tyme or tymes onlye as the said places, or either of them respectively, shall happen to be soe vnprovyded. And alsoe my will is that, the same beinge prouyded, everie of the said preachers neglectinge or not preachinge

by him selfe or some other learned man, and not letted by sicknes, shall for everye Sondaye soe omyttinge to preache loose twoe shillinges and sixe pence owte of his said exhibi^{ti}on, towards the releife of the poore of Saint Maryes in Burie and of Newmerkett in Cambridshaire, to be defalked owte by the said feoffes in trust, and paid over accordinge to my true intent and meaninge. Alsoe my will and earnest desire is, that yf it shall please God all my said graundchildren doe dye wthowte yssue, that they, my said freinds to whome I have hereby lymitted the remainder in trust, as is abovesaid, when the number of them shalbe decreased and broughte to three or lesse, that then the survyvo^{rs} doe convey the said teⁿte vpon trust and confidence as aforesaid to them selves and seaven or more suche other honest and able persons of credit and reputation as shalbe likely to imploye the profites of the same accordinge to my mean^{er}ge, as they in ther discre^{ti}ons, wth the assistaunce of the preachers of y^e church and chappell aforesaid, shall seme fittest; and when those feoffes shall decrease and drawe vnto the n^umber of fowre or lesse, my will is that those survivinge shall elect seaven or more like feoffes vnto them, and that the same be conveyed againe to the said survyvors and the newe elected feoffes, vpon trust and confidence as abovesaid; and soe from tyme to tyme soe often as the feoffes shall decrease to the n^umber of three or lesse, my will and desire is that a like newe n^umber of feoffes as abovesaid, and for the purpose abovesaid, shalbe elected, and the premisses to them conveyed, desiringe them all in the feare of God to see y^e same revenewes dulye employed accordinge to this my present last will and testam^{te}, as my truste is in them, and as they will aunswere when we shall meete at Gods judgm^{te} seate. Alsoe I giue and bequeathe vnto the said Borowdale Mileson his greate grandfather's, Mr. Richard Borowdale's, seale ringe of gould. Alsoe I giue and bequeath vnto the said Agatha Myleson all that hundred poundes w^{ch} the aforesaid Edmond Mileson standeth bound to paie vnto suche of his children as I shall lymitt and appointe the same vnto by my last

will ; but if she die before she have receyved the same, I will and bequeathe the same vnto Suzan Milesen her sister ; and if she dye before she have receyved the same, then I will and bequeath the same to be paid to the saide Borowdale Myleson. Alsoe I giue and bequeath vnto John Foulkes, sonne of Roger Foulkes, clarke, deceased, the sōme of sixe pounds, thirtene shillings, and fowre pence, to be paid him owte of the said teñte at his age of one and twentie yeres, or at suche tyme as he shall be preferred to the vniversitie as a scoller, or be bound owte an apprentice to sōme good trade of life, w^{ch} shall first happen ; and for defalte of paym^{te} my will and mynde is y^t he enter into the said teñte and hould the same vntill owte of the revenewes therof he shall have levyed the same. Alsoe I giue and confyrme vnto the said Agatha Myleson all suche plate, lynnen, pewter, brasse, beddinge, and howsehold stufe, as I and the said Edmond longe agoe did give vnto her by a jointe deede of guift, and suche other howshold stuffe as is marked w^h the letters of her name. Alsoe I giue and bequeathe vnto the said Susan Milesen all suche other my plate, lynnen, pewter, brasse, and other howshould stufe, as was not conteyned in the said deede of guifte, or w^{ch} I boughte synce the makinge therof. The residue of all my goods and chattells, my debtes paid and my funerall expenses discharged, I giue and bequeath vnto the said Agatha, whom I hereby noiāte and appointe my sole executrix, and my aforesaid welbeloved kinesman Mr. Robte Lukyn the overseer of this my present last will and testam^{te}, w^{ch} overseer I desire to have a care to see this my p^sent laste will and testam^{te} pformed, as my trust is in him. In wittnes wherof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale, the daie and yere first above wrytten, anno dñi 1613. Redd, published, sealed, and subscribed after y^e enterlynīg in the presence of Edmond Milleson, Martin Fookes, Elizabeth Elsegood, Emond Frost.

[Lib. Stevens, f. 87^b.]

William Cooke, gent. of Bury.—1614.

This is the last will and testament of me, Wiſſm Cooke, of Burie St. Edmond, in the countie of Suff., w^hin the dyoces of Norw^{ch}, gent. wrytten w^h myne owne hande, beinge of whole mynde and pfect remembrance, thancked be God, made and declared the twentie daye of Aprill, in the yere of the reigne of our soveraigne lord James, by the grace of God kinge of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, defendo^r of the ffaith, &c. the twelvth, and of Skottland the seaven and fortie, and in the yere of our Lord a thowsaund sixe hundred and fowreteene, hereby revokinge all other wills and testaments heretofore by me made; and above all thinges I wholie and fullye coñend and giue my soule into the handes of Almighty God, the Father, the Sonne, and the Holye Ghost, havinge full hope, trust, and confydence of pdon and forgyvenes of all my synnes and offences, and that onlye by the merites of my onlye Savio^r Jesus Christ, his passion, resurrection, and assention, and therby to be one of his elect; and my bodie to the earthe, to be buried, as my desire is, in the churchyarde of Burie aforesaid, neere to my children, in seemely manner, therin avoyding, as mvche as maye convenientlie be, all vsuall owteward and vayne ostentaçon. And of this my last will and testament I make and ordaine Margarette my wyfe my sole executrix. And I gyve and bequeath to the said Margarette my messuages, or teñtes, scituate and beinge in or neere the streete called or knowne by the name of the Colledge Streete, at Barnewell Streete, at Hen-cote Streete, in Burie St. Edmond aforesaid, w^h all the howses, buyldinges, edyfices, cellers, chambers, yards, gardens, orchards, grounds, easements, comodities, and priueledges to the same, or either or anye of them, belonging, w^h all and everie ther or anye of their appurten^{anc}e, and the reu^{er}con and reversions of the same, to haue and to houlde the same messuages, teñtes, and premises, w^h the appurten^{anc}e, to the said Margarette my wyfe and her assignes for and duringe all the terme of her naturall

lyfe, and alsoe for the terme of fowre yeres nexte and imediately after her decease, for her the same Margarett, her eñor or assignes, to sell, vse, and dispose the same terme of fowre yeres for her and y^{er} best comoditye and profyte. And, havinge had longe experience of the malycious disposiçon of Richard Cooke my sonne towards the saide Margarett my wyfe, and fearinge he will be troublesome, and molest and disturbe her after my decease, as well in her possession as by col^r of a request or desire mentyoned in the last will and testam^{te} of Henrie Payne of me deceased, dated in the moneth of June, in the tenth yere of the reigne of o^r late soveraigne ladie Queene Elizabeth, that one peece of plate and some other thinge gyven to me by the same last will and testam^{te} might be left to the said Richard overlyvinge me, some of wch thinges are worne, and y^e said peece of plate have byne owte of my possession by the space of a dozen yeares and more, and nowe come to the possession of suche one as I knowne not, and soe owte of hope of the havinge againe of the same, and havinge a care to provide for the quiett of the said Margarett my wyfe against y^e said Richard, whoe was of longe tyme verie chargable to me in his education and bringinge vpp in learninge, and the same peece of plate and other thinges beinge at my free disposiçon to bestowe at my will; I will, therefore, that the said Richard my sonne shall and doe make sale and delyver as his decde to the saide Margarett, her eñor or administ^rato^rs, w^hin twoe monethes nexte after my decease, accomptinge either of the same monethes after the rate of eighte and twentie daies to the monethe, a good and a suffycient release of all acçons, suytes, and demaunds psonall whatsoever; and then I will that, w^hin fowreteene daies nexte after such release made and deliued as ys aforesaid, vpon request to be made to the said Margarett by the said Richard my sonne, the same Margarett shall delyver or cause to be delyvered to the same Richard all my bookes w^h I shall have at the tyme of my decease, concerninge the comon lawe or statut^e of this realme of England, and in defalte of the

makinge and delyveringe of suche a release as is aforesaid, in manner and forme aforesaid, my intent and meaning is, that the same Richard shall not have y^e same bookes, nor anye of them. And further I will that yf the same Richard my sonne shall or doe at anye tyme trouble, disquiet, molest, or anye waies disturbe, vex, or sue the seid Margarett, or take anye goods, chattells, plate, howshould stufe, or other thinge w^{ch} I shall leave, contrarie to my true meanige herein, then I will and devise that the said messuages, houses, buyldinges, and premises, w^h all and singler ther and everye of ther appurteñce, shall remayne and be to and for the benefyte, profyte, and comoditie of the said Margarett, her e^xer, administrators, or assignes, for the terme of sixe whole yeres over and besydes the aforesaid fowre yeares before deuised to her nexte and imediately ensewinge the same fowre yeres ended, for the same Margarett to sell or dispose in her lyfe, or to be sould, vsed, or disposed by her e^xer, admⁱstr, or assignes, for her or their best benefyte, profyte, and comoditie for the same terme. All the rest of my goods, chattells, plate, ymplem^te, howsholde stufe, and other goods whatsoever not herein gyven or otherwyse disposed, my debtes beinge paid and other necessarie thinges pformed, I doe wholie giue and bequeath vnto the said Margaret my wyfe, and soe I end. In wyttnes wherof I have herevnto sett my hand and sealed y^e same. Dated the daye and yeare first above written, per me Wⁱllm Cooke. Witnesses hereof, John Shawberye, John Jewell. Memorand, that the xvjth of Maye 1617, the testator above mentyoned did acknowledge and publishe y^e writinge before in this presence conteyned to be the last will and testament of him the said above mentyoned William Cooke, beinge in noe part therof raced or interlyned, in the presence of vs witnesses thereto especially called, Wⁱllm Bedell, Edward Page.

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[Lib. Gibson, f. 118.]

Lady Anne Drury, of Hardwicke.—1621.

In the name of the blessed Trynitie, I, Anne Drewry, of Hargett alius Hardwick, in the countie of Suff. wydowe, doe hereby revoke and disanull all former wills, and doe make and ordaine this my last will and testam^t as followeth: First, I bequeath my sowle vnto my mercyfull Creator, trustinge by the onlye merites of my blessed [Lord] and Savio^r to have all my synnes pardoned, and this mortall bodie to be clothed wth ymortallitie. Next I will my bodie to be laid in the tombe at Hasted by my deere husband and dawghter Dorothie, vppon w^{ch} I desire to have no funerall pomp bestowed, nor any black, but onlye to my servaunt^e. Concerninge my temporall estate, I will first that my owne debtes, and any iust debt^e w^{ch} canne be challenged to be due from my husband, be paid next. I giue my manner of Malkins Hall to my brother Nicholas Bacon and his heires forever, condiçionallie that he paie vnto my cosen William Drurie of Hedgeley in Buckenham sheire soe manye hundred pounds as he shall proue to have bene paid to me synce my husband's deathe, vppon the composiçons betweene my sisters and his father and my selfe; yf he not lyvinge, then I bequeath it to his next heire; and if my said brother shall not paie him the money w^{thin} a yeare after my deathe, that then anye of the rest of my brothers, after my eldest brother S^r Edmond shall refuse it, shall enter it and holde it to them and heires vppon the same condiçon, w^{ch} if they alsoe fayle to pforme, then I will my said cosen William Drury or his heires shall enter and keepe it to him and to his heires forever. Next I give unto my nephew Robert Bacon my leases of Hencote and Burie; to my neece Anne Gawdie, a hundred pound^e; to my neece Barmaston, a hundred pound^e; to my sister Gawdie, my agett and pearle chaine w^{ch} was my mothers; to my sister Waldgrave, the diamond ringe w^{ch} was my grandmothers; to my Ladie Ceaser, my crosse of diamonds; to all my brothers wyves, ringes to remember me; tenne poundes

a peece to all my howshold servantē whom I bequeth nothings else; tenn pounds a peece to my svaunt Thomas Cornishe and his wife; twoe hundred poundē, and two of the ordinarie lyverie fetherbedē, wth the blankettē, cou⁹lettē, and bedstedē, as they stand, and sixe paire of flaxen or course holland sheetes, to Anne Cornishe her dawghter; a hundred marke to Anne Peter; all my wearinge clothes, excepte a gowne and a pettycote, to Elizabeth Godbolde; and to Anne Peter twentie pounds in money; to Bartholomew Cooke, one hundred markes. Item I bequeath to honorable lord Burley 210^{li}, w^{ch} he oweth me for horses; to his noble ladie, my clothe bedd of my owne workinge, wth the furniture to yt; to my dere sister Cecill, all the furniture in my brewe howse, and all the hogshedē, and the furniture and plate of my chappell; to my sister Wraye, that suyte of hanginges w^{ch} hanges in my greate chamber towardē the fynishinge of Hawsted. I giue also vnto Judeth Stalleng fortie pounds, condicionallie that she delyver in the bond she hath of my husbandē. I giue alsoe to my cosen James Bacon and his wyfe twentie poundē, to bestowe in some plate to remember me; to Mrs. Harvye, fyve pounds a yeaere duringe her lyfe. All the rest of my goods vnbequeathed, except fortie poundē w^{ch} I giue to Mr. Brabon, I giue vnto my dere brother S^r Edmond Bacon, knight, desiringe him if, after he have [paid] my debtes and legacies, yf he fynde anye plentie remayninge, he would bestowe some of my howsholde of my brother Nicke, whom I knowe he loveth as derely as my selfe, and therefore he shall neede noe bondē to lye him to it. Lastlie I ordaine my executo^rs to this my last will and testam^t my dere and worthie brother S^r Edmond Bacon, knight, and Mr. Nicholas Bacon, of whose love and integritie I am soe confidente that I am assured they will [not] fayle to pforme accordinge to intention. And I alsoe bequeath, w^{ch} I had forgotten, tenne pounds a peece to all my brothers to buye them ringes, and twentie pounds to be bestowed in ringes of tenne shillinges amongst my freinde, whom they shall thinke fitt. In wyttnes that this is my last will and testament, I

have setto my hand and seale to everie syde of this paper, the first of June, 1621, in the presence of (I desire my brother Sr Edmond Bacon that he woulde take Bouzer Giles into his care and provide for him. A. Drury.) sealed and delyvered in y^e p^sence of Thomas Ruse, Martha Bacon. I bequeathe alsoe to my twoe brother-in-lawes tenne poundes a peece to buy them ringes. This is a true coppie of the will of the ladie Anne Drury, examined by the originall vppon the fourth daie of June, anno dñi 1624, by John Gibbon and Richard Peade.

[Lib. Harrold, f. 722.]

Richard Elsdon, of Bury.—1637.

Mr. Petchy, of Bury, drap, owe me ffourtene pounde twelve shillinge. Goodman Howes, of Bury, yarneman, owe me xx li., and I owe hym three yarde of cloth for a paire of britches. Robert Petchy, of Mildenhall, drap, owe me twelve pounde ten shillinge. Mr. Brownesmyth, of Bildestone, owe me nyne pounde. Mr. Howlett, of Brandone, owe me tenn pounde eight shillinge. Mr. Aldham, of Hingham, owe me iij li. x s. Goodman Bird, of Mildenhall, owe me xxxv s. Mr. Coldham, of Norwiche, owe me fiftie shillinge. My cosin Bug, of Mildenhall, ffive and thirtie shillinge. Goodman Raie, of Barrowe, owe me fortie shillinge. In all threscore and eighteen pounde w^{ch} is oweng me. Off the goodde w^{ch} it hath pleased the Lord to lend me, then I haue at Forneham eight peeces of course cloth, most twoe dussen peeces, and foure peeces of fyne cloth, and twoe peeces of Nerginatos. Then there is at goodman Goslines at Icklingham sixe twoe dussen peeces, and at goodman Crosses of Lackford twoe peeces. And there is of weaving at goodman Lowes four peeces of cloth, and goodman Parker haue of weaving foure dussens, and goodman Kendall haue a twoe dussen peece in weaving. And there is at my sisters six peeces, and at goodwife Bolderow's twoe

peeces. And there is in the house drest and raw thirty peeces; and there is twoe broad clothes and as much yarne as will make another broad cloath; and there is some sixe and thirtie grosse of small yarne. And I haue in the chamber of yarne and at spynners as much as will make eight or nyne peeces. Soe in all there maye be threscore and fifteene peeces besides the broadcloaths and the wooll that is in the chamber of wett and dried. Goodman Hindes owe me xxiiij s. Goodman Weeding, of Dunstall Green, owe me some xx s.; and goodman Allen, of this towne, owe me x s. And I haue a great deale oweing me amongst my spynners; and there is a great deale of topworke abroad at spynners. And I owe John Brightall for combeing of ten skore pounde and ten of tops, w^{ch} comes to xxxj s. viij d. And I owe Danyell Whitacre for twoe loade and a halfe of wood, and for three load of brushe wood, and goodman King for a load of brushewood. And you shall haue Mr. Cages bill in the truncke; there is other bills of his, but they are all paide. And I owe goodman Bird of Denham iiij li. xij s. And I giue my vnckle Petchy xx s., and goodwife Bolderowe and her kinswoman fortie shillinge, and I owe her money for Burling, her tally will shew it, but there is a good to sett vp. My cosin Margaret Petchy xx s. I giue, and my cosin Bell and Lidia fortie shillinge betwene them. And John Mount and John Muske x s. peece, Margaret Texall xx s. But now these, wth the some of that w^{ch} I haue giuen, and the some of those thinges that are in the bill, I bequeath it as my last will and testament into the hande of my [brother] James and sister Anne. And these twoe are as witnesses w^{ch} will set toe their hands, John Brightall, Mary Johnson. Now of this that it shall please God I shall leaue behinde me, I giue it to my brother James and sister Anne; but one lye sick; if it please God to take hyr the other shall haue it. But they shall paie twelve tenn pounde out of it to my mother lawes children of Mildenhall, to be parted amongst them, and to my twoe weavers x s. a peece. And Georg Johnson shall haue as much cloth as will make hym a suite; and

John Brightall shall haue xx s. And amonge my spynners I giue twoe pounde; and amongst my poore neighbours you shall giue fortie shillings; but goodwife Howes in the Almes Rowe shall haue x s. of it. And Edward Elsdén shall haue tenn pounde. Ther is in the trunck . . . pounds of money; and my vnckle Oliver Hovell shall haue fve pounde, and my vnckle Stephen Hovell shall haue xx s., and my aunt Hovell shall have iij li.; and my three cosins Oliver, Elizabeth, and Sara, shall haue fortie shillings a peece.

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Francis Pynner, of Bury, Gent.—1639.

In the name of God Amen. The six and twentieth daie of Aprill, in the ffiftenth yere of the raigne of our sou^aigne Lord Charles, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the yere of our Lord God 1639, I, Francis Pynner, of Bury St. Edmund's, in the county of Suff. gent. being of good and pfect minde and memory, praised bee my Heavenly Father for the same, hereby revoking and makeing void and frustrate all other former wills and testam^{ts} heretofore by me made (either nuncupative or in writeing) doe make and ordaine this to bee my last will and testam^t, in mann^o and forme following: (that is to saie) First and before all things I coñmend my soule into the mercifull hands of God, assuredly trusting and confidently beleiveing that by the p^{re}cious bloudshedding of my onely saviour and deare redeem^{er} Jesus Christ I shall haue free pardon and remission of all my sinnes, and after the end of this vayne and transitory life to be received into his blessed kingdome, amongst his holy angells, elect saints, and chosen children, with them to remaine in ppetuall joyes and vnspeakable felicitye for ever. My bodie I comitt to the earth, whence it was first taken, to be buried in a xpian manner, according

to my place and ranke wherein I live and wherevnto I am called in this world, nothing doubting of a happie resurreccōn vnto eternall salvaçōn. And whereas I haue already settled by covenants the greatest part of my lands, tenements, and hereditam^{ts}, according to my minde and good likeing in that behalfe, I doe hereby declare my will and minde for and concerning the rest and residue of my lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts}, as followeth: (that is to saie) First I giue and bequeath my messuage called the Colledge, wherein I nowe dwell, and my two messuages therevnto adiounge, whereof one is in the occupaçōn of Henry Booty, or of his assignes, and the other of them in the occupaçōn of John Hynes, or of his assignes, wth their and eu^y of their appurtenances, vnto such pson and psons as at the tyme of my death shalbe the right heire or heires vnto mee the said Francis Pynner, to remaine to my said right heires and to their heires and assignes for ever: provided alwaies, and my will and minde is, and I doe hereby devise and appoint, that my loving cosen Mr. Jeremy Burrow, clerke, shall haue the private vse of the chamber wthin the said messuage called the Colledge, wherein the said Jeremy Burrowes hath vsually abode and lodged in when he hath come to the said messuage called the Colledge; and also the private vse of all the bed and bedding coñonly vsed in the said chamber, wth free ingresse, egresse, and regresse into and from the said chamber, and into and from the yards belonging to the said messuage called the Colledge, for him the said Jeremy, or for anie other pson that he shall think fitt to accompany him, for the entertainm^t, vse, and lodgeing, of him the said Jeremy Burrowe, and his freind whom he shall thinke fitt to accompany him, from time to time and at all times, at the will and pleasure of the said Jeremy, dūreing his naturall life, when and as often as hee the said Jeremy shall come to kepe and lodge in the same chamber. Item I giue and bequeath all my tenem^{ts}, as well freehold as copyhold, wth their appurten^{cs}, now or late time being in the tenure or occupaçōn of John Harrison, or of his assignee or assignes, scituate and being

in or neere to the place called the Fishmarkett, in Bury aforesaid, vnto my grandchild Rebecca Browning, durning her naturall life, and after her decease the same to be and remaine vnto her sister Dorcas Browninge, and to her heires and assignes for ever. Item I give and bequeath my twoe meadowes now or late in the occupaçon of the said John Harrison, or of his assignee or assignes, wth thappurtenances, vnto my grandchild Vallentine Elsdén, the sonne of my sonne-in-lawe Vallentine Elsdén, and to the heires and assignes of the said Vallentine Elsdén my grandchild for ever. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Jeremy Elsdén, my grandchild, and his heires and assignes for ever, my messuage or tenem^t, wth thappurtence, scituate and being in or nere to the streete called the Whiteinge Streete, in Bury aforesaid, now in the tenure or occupaçon of one Elizabeth Smith, widowe, or of her assignes. Item I giue and bequeath my meadow w^{ch} I purchased of Wiffr Heyward, gent. vnto my kinsman Timothie Atkinson the yonger, and the heires of his body lawfully begotten for ever (if the said Timothy Atkinson shalbe abideing wth me at the time of my decease), and for default of such issue, then the same to remaine to the right heires of me the said Francis Pynner for ever. Item, whereas my late wives kinsman Francis Potter, of Bury St. Edmund, baker, at the late heavy visitaçon did take great paines about me in the time of my trouble, in regard I cold gett noe body to helpe me, and that all my houshold fledd from me and left me both comfortles (in respect that at that time I had my man dyed of the sicknes) when my selfe and my wife were boeth lame; in consideraçon thereof I haue infeoffed the said Francis Potter and his heires for ever in twoe messuages or tenem^{ts} in Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, in thoccupaçon of the said Francis Potter and John Kinge, the said Francis Potter payeing vnto meethe said Francis Pynner, or my assignes, durning my naturall life the sūme of ten pounds p annū of lawfull money of England (as by the feoffm^t thereof made more at large it may and doth appeare). Item, whereas Elizabeth Pell, the wife of Wiffr Pell thelder, and

John Pell their sonne, did take like paines about me, as is before men^coned, in the time of my great callamity and heavie visita^con, as is aboue specified, I doe giue and bequeath vnto the said Wilm Pell and John Pell all and singler suche s^ume and s^umes of money as the saide Wilm and Johndoe owe vnto mee either by bonds, bills, or any waies or means whatsoeu^r. Item in considera^con that John Newgate, of Bury St. Edmund, malster, diuers and sondry times hath come and resorted to comfort and conferr wth me in the time of my sorrowe and heavines, I doe giue and bequeath vnto him the said John Newgate the s^ume of ffoure pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto him wthin one yere next after my decease. Item, whereas Robt Walker, of Bury aforesaid, stationer, was somewhat helpfull vnto me at the said time of my visita^con, I doe giue and bequeath vnto the said Robt Walker the s^ume of ffortie shillings of lauffull money of England, to be paid vnto him within one yere next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my cosen Cicely Godfrey ffive pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto her wthin one yeare next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my godson Mr. Richard Baker, of London, and his sonne, foure pounds a peice of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto them within one yere next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my said cosen Mr. Jeremy Burrows tenn pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto him within one yere next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Francis Burrowes ffive pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto him within one yeare next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Samuel Burrowes ffive poundes of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto him wthin one yere next after my decease. Ifm I giue and bequeath vnto Frances Atkinson, the wife of Timothy Atkinson thelder, ffive pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto her wthin one yere next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Timothy Atkinson, the sonne of the said Timothy, the s^ume of fve pounds of lawfull money of England, to

be paid vnto him within one yere next after my decease. Item I give, will, and devise vnto my grandchilde Robt Gooderich, and his heires and assignes for ever, all those my lands, both copy and free, wth thappurteñce, lyeing in the townes and feilds of Barton Magna, in the county aforesaid, or Bury St. Edmund abovesaid, or in either of them, w^{ch} I lately bought and purchased of Wifm Nutt, of Barton aforesaid, and doe containe together by estimaçõn sixtene acres, be there more or lesse, vpon condiçõn notwthstanding that the said Robt Gooderich, his executo^{rs}, administrato^{rs}, or assignes shall well and truely paie vnto the said Mr. Jeremy Burrowes, John Newgate, Robt Walker, Mr. Richard Baker, and his sonne, Cicely Godfrey, Francis Burrowes, Samuel Burrowes, Frances Atkinson, and Timothy Atkinson, if they come and demand it of him, all the said legacies and sūmes of money before herein by me p^ticularly giuen and bequeathed vnto them and eu^y of them, in such mann^y and forme, and at such times, as before are mençõned and expressed. Item I giue and bequeath vnto such p^{rs}ons as within foure monethes next after my decease shalbe new elected ffeoffees of the lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts}, belonging to the coñmon proffitt of Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, by what name or names they or any of them are or shalbee called or knowne, all that my messuage or tenem^t, wth thappurtenance, scituate and being in or neere the streete called the Whiteing Streete, in Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, nowe being in the tenure or occupaçõn of Richard Randall or of his assignes, being of the yerely rent of twentie markes of lawfull English money p annū, by him paid vnto me quarterly for the same, to haue and to hold to the said p^{rs}ons w^{ch} shalbe newly elected ffeoffees, as aforesaid, and to their heires and assignes for ever, vpon trust and confidence neu^o-theles that the said ffeoffees and all and eu^y p^{rs}on and p^{rs}ons w^{ch} from and after the time of my departure out of this world shalbe seised of the said messuage, wth thappurteñce, in thoccupaçõn of the said Richard Randall or his assignes, shall yerely and every yere for ever from and after the feast of St. Michaell tharchangell next

after my decease, out of the said yerely rent and proffitts of the said messuage, wth thappurteñce, provide and giue to ffoure skore poore people of the pish of St. Mary, in Bury aforesaid, for the time being (whereof tenn to be men, thirty women, and fortie to be children), alwaies in the moneth of Novembr^r yearelie, as of my charitable guift and benevolence, one shirt or a smock, according to their seu^rall sorts and sexes. And shall alsoe out of the yerely rents, revenewes, and pfitts of y^e same messuage, wth thappurteñce, vpon the last Friday in euy moneth throughout the yere, yerely and euy yere for ever, from and after the feast of St. Michael tharchangell next after my decease, provide and give one twoepenny wheaten loafe to and for ffortie poore people that shall then come to the pish church of St. Marie, in Bury aforesaid, and then inhabiteing in the same pish of St. Mary, and then be catachised in the same church by the then minister of the same church, or by some other sufficient learned minister of the word, to be by him from time to time in that behalfe deputed or appointed, (that is to say,) to euy one of the said forty poore people one twoepenny wheaten loafe. And my will and minde is that all the said bread shalbe from time to time be made, baked, and sent to the said church by my late wives said kinsman Francis Potter, soe longe as he shall live, and shalbe distributed amongst the said poore people at the times aforesaid by the clarke, sexten, and bedell of the said pish of St. Mary for the time then beeing, or by some of them, and the said clarke, sexton, and bedell, or soe many of them as from time to time shalbe p^rsent at the said catechising, to haue the inbread of the said bread w^{ch} shalbe brought and provided as aforesaid. And I will that out of the yerely rents and proffitts of the said messuage, wth thappurteñce, the minister of the said pish of St. Maries for the time being, and catechiseing of the said poore, or causeing them to be catechised as aforesaid, shall haue yerely for ever twenty shillings out of the said rent for his and their paines taking in catechiseing as aforesaid. And my will and meaning is that, if any overplus shalbee of

the rents and proffitts of the said mess^{ge}, wth thappurteñcē, more then shall suffice for the pformance of the said godly and charitable vses herein before limitted and appointed, and for the repa^{co}ns of the same messuage, wth thappurtencē, and the pay^{mt} of the lordē rent due for the same from time to time, that the same overplus shall from tyme and to time, by the said new elected ffeoffees of the said messuage for the time then being, be employed to and for the buyeing and provideing of horne bookes and primers to be giuen to poore children of the said pish of St. Maries, in Bury aforesaid. And whereas I am possessed of a certaine lease for the terme of thirty or fortie yeres or thereabouts, therein yet to come and vnexpired, of and in fowre se^uall houses or tenem^{ts} (lately by me newly builded), wth their app^{te}ñcē, scituate and being in or neere to the streete or place called the Mustowe, in Bury Saint Edmund aforesaid, now or of late tyme being in the se^uall tenures or occupa^{co}ns of Henry Clarke, Robt Parker, Peter Newman, and John Dickenson, or of their or some of their assignee or assignes, the yerely rents of w^{ch} said fowre houses or tenem^{ts} due and payable to mee together doe amount to eleaven pounds p annū or thereabouts, I doe hereby give and bequeath all the said foure tenem^{ts} and eu^y of them, with their appurteñcē, vnto such psons as within fowre monthes next after my decease shalbee newly elected ffeoffees of the lands and tenem^{ts} belonging to the co^mon proffitt of the inhitants of Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, to haue and to hold to them and their assignes from and after the feast of St. Michaell tharchangell next comeing after the daie of my de^pt^ure out of this world, for and dureing all the rest and residue of the said lease and terme of yeres, w^{ch} shalbe therein to come and vnexpired, vpon trust and confidence alsoe that they and all those w^{ch} from and after my decease shalbe possessed of the said lease and terme shall yerely and eu^y yere from and after the feast of St. Michaell tharchangell next after my death, dureing all the continuance of the said lease and terme, imploy the yerely rents of the said foure tenem^{ts} according to my will and minde herevnder expressed and declared :

(that is to saye), the yerely sūme of ffive pounds pcell of the said yerely rents to be bestowed in wheaten bread, to be made into penny loaves, and vpon eu^y Lord's day, called Sondag, throughout eu^y yere of the said terme, fowre and twenty loaves of the said bread, wth the inbread allowed by the baker for those twoe dosens of bread, to be timely brought and sett vpon a forme towards the vpp end of the chancell of the said pish church of St. Mary (or where the minister of that pish for the time being shall appointe), in the mornings of the same daies, before the beginning of diuine service in the said church vpon those seu^lall dayes; and after the end and finishing of diuine service and sermon in that church that day, the same twoe dosens of bread to be giuen and distributed by the minister, churchwardens, and overseers of the poore of the said pish, or any twoe of them, for the time then beeinge, whereof the minister of the said church for the time then being allwaies to be one (if he shall soc please), to and amongst fowre and twenty poore people w^{ch} shalbe then inhabiteing in the said pish of St. Maries, and shalbe knowne to bee that day at the church of St. Maries aforesaid, at diuine service there, and before the first lesson for that day shalbe read in the said church. And my will and minde is that the pish clarke and sexton of the said church, and the beadle of the said pish of St. Marie for the time then being, shall alwaies be three w^{ch} from time to time shall haue their shares and parts in the said bread. And they, the said clarke, sexton, and bedell, shall alwaies haue the inbread of all the bread aforesaid, ov^r and besides their shares in the said twoe dosens of bread from time to time, and I will that all the said bread shall from time to time be bought and taken of and from the said Francis Potter, as long as he shall live. And I doe hereby earnestly intreate the said ffeoffees and others trusted and w^{ch} shalbe trusted and imploied in and about the bestowing of the saide charitable guifts or any of them, that (as much as in them shall lye) they imploy the same to and for the comfort and reliefe of all impotent and honest poore people inhabiteing or w^{ch} for the time then being shall inhabite

and dwell within the pish of St. Maries, in Bury aforesaid, and that no bastard, whoremonger, nor any pson vehementlie suspected of whoredom or vncleane life shalbe ptaker of my said charitable guiftes, or any of them. And I will my grandchildren or any of them (if they will) shall from time to time haue the noïation and appointm^t of such poore people as they or any of them shall thinke well of, inhabiteing, or w^{ch} for the time being shall inhabite, w^{thin} the said pish of St. Marie, in Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, to haue the benefitt of my said charitable guifts. And further my will and minde is that, from and after thend and expiraçõ of the first yere next after my deþture of this world, the said ffeoffees, and those psons w^{ch} from time to time dureing the continuance of the said lease and terme shall for the time then beeing be possessed of the said lease and terme, shall yerely and eu^y yere dureing all the rest of the said lease and terme w^{ch} shalbe then to come and vnexpired laye out and disburse ffe pounds of lawfull English money in and about puttinge out of ffe poore children, borne in the said pish of St. Maries, to be app^tntices or to service, wherein I wold that the children w^{ch} from time to time for the time then beeing shalbe in the coñon workinghouse of Bury aforesaid shalbe p^rferred to be bound out or putt to service wth the helpe of my said guift (if it may be done convenientlie) before such children or childe as shall not before that time haue bene kept and trained vp to work in the said workinghouse. And I will that the overplus of the yerely rents of the said foure tenem^{ts} shall from time to time goe and bee employed for and towards the paym^t of the chiefe rent reserved in and by the indenture of lease thereof to me made, and for and towards the repaçõs of the same houses as neede shall require. And whereas divers doners haue of their great loves bestowed vpon the said burgh of Bury St. Edmund, not onely divers sūmes of money, but also certaine landes, tenem^{ts}, meadowes, and pastures, to bee for a ppetuall remembrance for ever, and did noïate divers ffeoffees to be putt in trust for a succession for ever, and that from time to time there shold be a

perpetuall nomina^{ti}on of those feoffees, especially when the number was come to ffourtene; yet notwthstanding, by the negligence of those that were putt in truste, the nomina^{ti}on, although from time to time and yere to yere they haue bene importuned therevnto, and I thinke it is to noe good intent, but howsoeu^r I knowe it is a great losse to the poore and the inhabitants vpon mine owne knowledge, by guifts given by my selfe and some others that are not paid accordingly; and besides I had an intent to bestowe somewhat to some charitable vses, w^{ch} I knowe not well how to doe because the feoffm^t is drawne to soe fewe a number, w^{ch} diuers times hath bene promised to be renued, but yet is not; and therefore my will and minde is that, if the said feoffm^t be not renued wthin fowre monethes next after my decease, then all my said legacies heretofore or hereafter in these p^rsents given and bequeathed to the said feoffees shalbe vtterly void, frustrate, and of none effect. And then I give and bequeath all the said legacies w^{ch} I have bequeathed vnto the said ffeoffees vnto my executo^{rs} of this my last will and testam^t, and they to pforme all such guifts and bequests as my said feoffees shold haue done if they had enioyed my said legacies (anie matter or thinge herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwthstandinge). And whereas I haue bene, am, and ever shalbee, a feeleing member and most sensible above others of the great losse and calamity w^{ch} of late yeres hapened to mee and many others by the miserable misfortune of fire within the said towne of Bury, I doe hereby, for a ppetuall memoriall and a caveat to bee for ever hereafter kept thereof, I doe giue and bequeath vnto such psons as shalbe newly elected as aforesaid ffeoffees of the towne lands of Bury aforesaid fforty pounds of lawfull English money, for and towards the charge of erectinge and making of a conduit or cisterne to receiue water, to be brought vnto it; and the same conduit to be sett in some convenient place in the markett place in Bury aforesaid, for the better supply of water, to be vsed when any casualty of fire shall happen within the said towne, and other necessary vses, as shalbe

thought fitt and convenient. And I will that twenty pounds of the said forty pounds shalbe paid to the said ffeoffees when they shall really begin the said worke, and thother twentie pounds of the said forty pounds to be paid vnto the said feoffees when the said worke shalbe finished and brought to perfec^{co}n (soe as the said worke be reallye taken in hand and finished within seaven yeres next after my decease). Item I giue and bequeath vnto my daughter Joice, the wife of Vallentine Elsdén thelder, all my houshold stuff and goods w^{ch} I haue at mine inne and taverne called the Grayhound, wherein the said Vallentine now dwelleth, in Bury aforesaid. And I doe alsoe giue her my licence to drawe wine in the said inne or taverne, and my great Bible, to haue and to hold all the said houshold stuff, goods, licence, and bible, for terme of her naturall life. And after her decease I give all those things vnto her twoe daughters Frances and Mary, my grand-children, to bee equally divided between them, part and pt like. Item I giue and bequeath vnto the said Vallentine Elsdén, my sonne-in-lawe, my best gowne, and my best cloake. Item I give vnto my sonne-in-law Mr. Jeremy Browning my second best gowne, my second best cloake, and my inlaid playeing tables. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Valentine Elsdén my grandchilde my licence for drawing of wines at the towne of Mildenhall, in the county of Suff. aforesaid. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my grandchilde Dorcas Browninge all my houshold stuff and goods that I haue at my twoe houses, the one called the Golden Bushell, and the other called the Beare, in Bury aforesaid. Item, whereas I, the said Francis Pynner, by my deed of feoffm^t haue infeoffed and confirmed vnto the said Dorcas Browninge, and to the heires of her body lawfully to be begotten, and for want of such issue vnto Rebecca Browninge her sister, and to the heires of her bodie lawfully to be begotten, all that my said messuage or tenem^t called the Golden Bushell, wth all and euy the houses, edifices, buildinges, barnes, stables, orchards, gardens, waies, water-courses, easem^{ts}, ewse-dreepes, and appurtenances, vnder such

mann^o, forme, and proviso as in the said deed of feoffm^t is expressed (as by the said deed of feoffm^t more at large it may and doth appeare). And also that I, the said Francis Pynner, by my deed of feoffm^t have infeoffed and confirmed vnto the said Joyce Elsdén my daughter, for terme of her naturall life, and after her decease to Mary and Fraunces Elsdén (twoe of the daughters of the said Joyce), and to their heires for ever, all that my said inne and taverne called the Greyhound, wth all the houses, stables, yards, and easem^{ts} to the same belonging, wth all and eu^y of their appurteñce, vnder such mann^o and forme as in the said deed of feoffm^t is mençoned (as by the said deed of feoffm^t is mençoned). And also whereas the said Jeremy Browninge, my sonne in lawe and father vnto the said Dorcas, hath of late devulged and given forth that the said messuage and p^omisses called ye Greyhound was p^omissed and agreed to be assured and conveyed in advancem^t of marriage with Cicely my daughter vnto the said Jeremy and Cicely, and their heires, w^{ch} promise (if any such was made) was vpon condiçon that the said Jeremy shold also in his life time haue likewise p^oformed and done divers other acts for the better advancem^t of the saide Cicely my said daughter in marriage wth the said Jeremy (w^{ch} were neu^o p^oformed), and therefore, for the finall endinge of all differences, controu^osies, and suites that may be raised thereby vpon the said p^otended promise and agreem^t, and that all p^oties maie haue and peaceably enioye their se^ouall estates according to my true intent and meaning herein expressed in this my last will and testament, I doe hereby will, devise, and declare that if the said Jeremy Browninge, his heires, or assignes, shall at any time after my decease make any title, claime, or challenge any interest of, in, or to the said inne or taverne called the Grayhound, conveyed as aforesaid to the said Joice my daughter and her twoe daughters as aforesaid, by colour of any p^otended promise or agreem^t as abovesaid, whereby both shee the said Joice and her said twoe daughters shalbe molested or troubled by suites or otherwise, and shall not peaceably and quietlie haue,

hold, and enioye the same according to their seu^yall estates in the said deed exp^ssed, and according to my true intent and meaning herein declared; and alsoe if the said Jeremy Browninge, his heires, or assignes, shall at anie time after my death molest or trouble or cause to be molested or troubled the executo^{rs} of this my said last will and testam^t for any goodes, chattells, or any other implem^{ts} of houshold, whereof I or my assignes are lawfully possessed or interested therein at or before the time of my death, that then the saide guift and devise of the said messuage and p^misses called the Golden Bushell, by my said deed heretofore granted and confirmed to the said Dorcas Browninge, shalbe vtterlie void and of none effect (the said deed and feoffm^t or any matter or thing therein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwthstanding); and that then my will and minde is that that the said Joice my daughter and the said Mary and Frances her twoe daughters shall haue, hold, and enioy the same in lieu of the said inne and taverne and p^misses called the Greyhound, to them and their heires, in such manner and forme and vnder such estates as are limited by the said deed concerninge the said inne, taverne, and p^misses called the Greyhound, as aforesaid. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my great-grandchilde Francis Goodrich my stone pott (w^{ch} was my father's) footed and tipt, and coued wth silver wth letters for my father's name graven vpon the cover. Item I giue and bequeath unto eu^y of the seu^yall p^{rs}ons herevndernamed these seu^yall legacies herevnder men^çoned (that is to saye): to Mr. Edmund Merchant, late of London, ffiue pounds (if he be in England at the time of my decease); to Thomas Goodale ffowre pounds; to Jeremy Goodale foure pounds; to my goddaughter Frances, the daughter of Charles Shawe, foure pounds; to eu^y one of the children of Wiltm Fincke (w^{ch} he had by his first wife) ffoure nobles a peice, to be paid vnto them at their seu^yall ages of fowre and twenty yeres; to every one that shalbe my houshold servant at the time of my death, twenty shillings a peice, and eu^y of them a paire of gloves. Item I

desire Mr. Edmund Callamy that he wilbe pleased to preach at my fun^oall; and I doe giue him for his paines to be taken therein thirty shillings and a paire of black gloves of the best sort. Item I will that my said daughter Joice and her twoe daughters, Frances and Mary Elsdén, and my two grandchildrene Dorcas and Rebecca Browninge, shall eu^y one of them haue a mourning tirc on their heads, such as gentlewomen weare at the time of ffunerals. Item I will that ffive pounds shalbe distributed amongst the poore people of the pish of St. Maries aforesaid (whereof ffortie shillings to be distributed amongst the poore people in the Colledge Street, and the other three pounds to the rest of the poore people wthin the said pish); and ffiftie shillings more I giue and bequeath vnto the poore people of the pish of St. James in Bury aforesaid; and all the said sūmes to be paid and distributed to the said poore either at the tyme of my ffunerall or wthin seaven daies then next followinge, by the churchwardens and ou^rseers of the said seu^oall pishes. Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto the said Robert Gooderich all the debt and money that is oweing and comeing to mee by and from Martha Gooderich (being by her owne acknowledgem^t twenty pounds, but in trueth eight and twenty pounds) if hee the said Rob^t Gooderich, his executo^{rs}, ad^mistrat^{rs}, or assignes will beare the charges of suite for the recou^y of the said money. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my said grandchilde Valentine Elsdén and to his heires and assignes for ever all those my landes, containing by estima^on ffourtene acres, being freehold, lyeing and being in the feilds of Bury aforesaid and Westly in the said county of Suff., w^{ch} I purchased to mee and mine heires of Francis Remes gent. and Elizabeth his wife. Item I giue and bequeath vnto the said Francis Potter boeth those my twoe copihold meadowes late in the tenure or occupa^on of one John Butler or his assignes, and lyeing and being in the Taiffen, Bury aforesaid, dureing the terme of his naturall life; and after the decease of the said Francis Potter, the same to bee and remaine vnto my said grandchilde Valentine

Elsden and to his heires and assignes for ever. Item I doe give and bequeath all the rest, residue, and overplus of all my goods, chattells, and psonall estate whatsoeu⁹, not given in this my last will and testam^t (the guifts, legacies, and bequests in this my said last will and testam^t paid and pformed, and all charges and expences that the executo^{rs} of this my said last will and testam^t shall laye out or be putt vnto concerning their said executorship being allowed and deducted), I doe give and bequeath the said overplus vnto the said Joice my daughter, and to my said twoe grandchildren Dorcas and Rebecca Browninge, and to my said great-grandchild Francis Gooderich, to be equally diuided betwene them by three or foure sufficient and indifferent men, by the discreçon of mine executo^{rs} and supvisors of this my last will and testam^t, or the greater part of them for the time then beeing to be elected and chosen. And for the better pformance of this my said last will and testam^t, I will that my executo^{rs}, when it shall seeme best vnto themselves, or the survivo^r or survivo^{rs} of them, sell, convey, and assure, or cause to be sold, conveyed, and assured, all those landes, containing by estimaçon cleaven acres and an halfe of land, being the same more or lesse, lyeing and being in the feilds of Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, and Westly in the county aforesaid, w^{ch} I latelie purchased of one Thomas Godfrey, to anie pson or psons, and to his and their heires and assignes, for the best price that they or any of them can gett for the said lands; and the moneyes comeing and ariseing of and vpon the sale of the said landes to be employed for and towards the pformance of this my said last will and testam^t. And I do make and constitute the said Joice my daughter, Robert Gooderich, and Dorcas Browninge, executo^{rs} of this my last will and testam^t. And I doe giue to eu⁹y of them for their paines to be taken in the true execuçon thereof, ffiue nobles a peice, and a paire of gloves. Item I desire Mr. Elliott, Minister of the pish of St. James in Bury, and my loving freind Mr. Thomas Lincolne of Thetford, to be supviso^{rs} of this my last will and testam^t; and I doe giue to

either of them for their paines to be taken in assistinge of mine executo^{rs} twentie (*sic*), and to each of them a paire of gloves. In witnes whereof I, the said Francis Pynner, have vnto every sheete of this my said last will and testam^t, being tenn in number, sett my hand, and haue sett my seale to the topp thereof being afiled together, the third day of May, in y^e yere first abouewritten, FRA. PINNER. Sealed and published and declared by the saide Francis Pynner to bee his last will and testam^t in the p^sence of John Hyne, George Booty, Timothy Atkinson, and Rob^t Walker. Probat. 31 Aug. 1639.

[Lib. Muriel, f. 61^b.]

William Mordeboice, of Hepworth, blacksmith.—1644.

In the name of God Amen, I, William Mordeboice, of Hepworth, in the countie of Suff. blacksmyth, being in perfect health and memorie, for the which I doe give to God Almighty most humble and heartie thanks, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament, sundry good occasions me therevnto moveinge. First and before all thinges, I doe give and bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my creator, and am stedfastly perswaded that my sinnes shall be remitted, and my soule shall be saued through Jesus Christe my redeemer. And as for my worldly goods, I doe give and bequeath as followeth. Item I doe give and bequeath to Mary my daughter that my bedd whereon I doe vsually lye on compleat as it stands, as namely, the bedstead, canopie, the curtins of colour blue, the feather bed, the flock bedd or wooll bedd, the bolster of feathers, and the bolster of flockes or wooll, therevnto belonging, the cou^llett and blanketts, and one pillowe of feathers. Item I doe give vnto Mary my daughter, one paire of pillow beers, two paire of sheets, one payre finer then an other. Item I doe give vnto Mary my daughter, halfe a dozen of table napkins, three of them damaske, and three other tare of the best sort, and one table cloath which my wife shall thinke fittinge

to give to her. Item I doe give to Mary my daughter, the truncke which was her mothers, and what else my wife shall thinke fitt to bestowe vpon her. Item I doe give and bequeath vnto Rose my daughter, my Byble, my beareng cloath such linnen as is belonging to infants at their tyme of baptisme. Item I doe give to Rose my daughter, a silver whissell wth the currell and chaine of silver. Item I doe give and bequeath vnto Alice my wife, my casting sheet, as alsoe all other my moveable goods and chattells whatsoever I haue or hereafter shall enioy. Item I doe give with my owne hands vnto Alice my wife, my castinge sheet, and I doe alsoe give with my owne hands vnto Rose my daughter, my silver whisle with the chayne and currell, which two thinges I doe give to them, that is to say, to my wife and my daughter Rose, in pte of all the other my goods, which I haue by this my will given to them, and in the p^sence of Mr. Abbott, minister of God's word, and alsoe in the p^sence of William Brundish, yeom^r, both of Hepworth, and in the county of Suff.; to the intent that my said wife Alice shall quietly enioy all such my goods as by this my will I haue given to her dureing her n^rall life; and after her decease my will and mynd is, that then my daughter Rose haue and enioy all those my goods and chattells, which before I haue given to Alice my wife, to her and to her heires for ever. In wittnes whereof I haue herevnto sett to my hand and seale. Item I doe make and ordaine Alice my wife the only executrix of this my will and testament, to see my will p^rformed, my debts discharged, and my body decently brought to X^pian buriall. Written with my own hand the 28th of January, Anno Regni Caroli nostri the xixth annoq³ dⁿi 1644; by me WILLIAM MORDEBOICE. Tho. Abbott, cle^r., William Bundishe.

Prob. 4 Julij, 1648.

[Lib. Ashton, pars I. f. 55 ^b.]

Thomas Wright, of Hartest, gent.—1646.

Bone Jesu pone passionem crucem et mortem tuā inter Iuditiū tuū et animā meā nunc et in hora mortis mee.

In the name of God Amen, the two and twentieth day of March, anno dñi 1646, and in the two and twentieth yeare of the reigne of our most gracious sou^aigne Lord Charles, by the grace of God, now King of England, &c. I, Thomas Wright, of Hartest, in the countie of Suff. gent. doe make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme hereafter followinge, humbly, joyfully, and willingly yeildinge my soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker, and my body I comitt to the earth whereof it was framed, knowing it must returne to its first principles soe to continue vntill the generall awakeninge day, when by the mightie power of my God I hope to reassume the same my body, which being then vnited to my soule againe, through the vnspeakeable mercie of my Lord and alone Sauio^r Jesus Christe, shall I trust inheritt everlastinge blessednes in the kingdome of Heaven, not for any meritts of myne (for I acknowledge myselfe the worste of all men), but for the most glorious meritts, bitter death and passion of my most gracious and mercifull Sauio^r and Redeemer Jesus Christe, to whom be all glory and praise for ever. Amen. Imprimis. Whereas I stand seised in fee simple of and in a mesuage or tenem^t called Penns, or otherwise, wth certaine lands and pastures freehold, lyeinge next or nere therevnto, together with the waies thereto adjoineinge, vpon which sayd wayes two cottages for the habitacon of two poore widdowes are newly by me erected and builded, scituate, lyeinge, and beinge in Hartest aforesaid, abuttinge at the one end vpon the tenem^t and orchards of Tempest Dickerson, and at the other end vpon the freehold tenem^t of Andrew Byat, gent. called of auncient time Smithes, and doe conteyne together by estimacon three acres, be there more or less, I doe give devise and bequeath all and singuler the sayd pmisses, and all other my freehold lands and tenements in Hartest aforesaid, wth their apptn^{cs} (exceptinge the sayd two cottages) vnto Mary my wife, for terme of her life, (if she shall soe long keepe her selfe sole and vnmarried,) remainder thereof from and ymmediatly after her decease or marriage, which of them shall first happen, vnto Thomas

Browne my grandsonne, and the heires of his body begotten, and for default of such heires, then to my righte heires for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my sayd wife, in such manner and sort as is before mençoned, three closes or peeces of land and pasture, conteyninge by estimaçon four acres more or less, with their apptñcs, being copihold, lyeinge together in Hartest aforesaid, adjoininge to the land of the sayd tenement Penns; the one whereof I purchased of Henry Smyth, another of Tempest Dickerson, and the third which abbutteth vpon the rectory of Hartest, of William Lowe; remainder of the same copihold p̄mises after my sayd wifes decease or marriage, which shall first happen, vnto the sayd Thomas Browne my grandsonne, and the heires of his body begotten, and for default of such yssue then to my righte heires. Item I give and bequeath to Mary my now wifes daughter, after the death or marriage of my said wife, all those coppihold lands and tenem^{ts} which I had or purchased of Henry Griggs, and Susan his wife, sometimes Martins, scituate, lyeing, and being in Hartest aforesaid, and conteyninge together by estimaçon seaven acres, with their and every of their apptñcs, now in my owne occupaçon, to haue and to hold the same vnto the sayd Mary, the daughter, and the heires of her body begotten; and for want of such yssue I will the same shall remayne vnto Thomas Browne aforesaid, the sonne of Mary my daughter by my first wife, and to the heires of his body begotten, and for default of such yssue then to my right heires for ever. Item I give and bequeath vnto the said Mary my wife for terme of her life, if she shall soe longe keepe her selfe sole and vnmarried, two closes or peeces of copyhold land and pasture, conteyninge by estimaçon five acres, with thapptñcs, lyeing together in Hartest aforesaid, late pcell of Millfields, and now in th'occupaçon of John Herrington or of his assignee or assignes, together with the way thereto belonginge; and from and ymediately after the death or marriage of my sayd wife, I give and bequeath the same two closes or peeces, with the sayd way and apptñcs, vnto her sayd daughter Mary, and the heires

of her body begotten, and for default of such yssue then to my righte heires for ever. Item I give and bequeath vnto Mary my daughter, the wife of Francis Browne, all my lands and tenem^{ts} whatsoever, scituate, lyeing, and being in Brockly, in the sayd county of Suff. with their and every of their apptūnēs, to haue and to hold the same vnto the said Mary my daughter, for and dureinge the terme of her ñrall life; remainder theireof after her decease vnto the sayd Thomas Browne my grandsonne, and the heires of his body begotten, and for default of such yssue then to my right heires for ever.

Item I will, devise, and bequeath those two cottages aboue mençoned to be excepted, with the yards thereto belonging, vnto James Sparke my cosin, Robt Cronshaye the sonne of Robert Cronshaye of Hartest aforesaid yeoman, William Coppinge sonne of Edmund Coppinge of Hartest aforesaid yeoman, Philip Hamond the sonne of my sonne in lawe Philip Hamond, Richard Cronshaye the sonne of Richard Cronshaye of Hartest aforesaid yeoman, Ralph Twids the younger of Hartest aforesaid my cosin, and to the aforesaid Thomas Browne my grandsonne, their heires and assignes for ever, vpon condiçon and to the intents and purposes hereafter mençoned and declared, (vizt.) for the benefitt and habitaçon of two poore widowes of the towne of Hartest aforesaid, for soe longe time as the world shall endure; the same widowes nor any of them, at the time of their placeinge there, not to be such as are or haue bene a charge or chargeable to the said pish of Hartest. Touching the placeinge of which sayd widowes, I will that the instructions, articles, and rules, in this my last will and testament expressed, be duely and justly from time to time and for ever observed, vizt.

1. That the same widdowes and every of them shall constantly repaire to the church of Hartest aforesaid, at the times of all publique exercises of religion, and shall there behaue themselves orderly from the beginninge of such exercises vntill the end

thereof, without any excuse whatsoever to be admitted, saueing only sicknesse or decrepite age.

2. That the same widowes and every of them shall receive the Eucharist twice at least in every yeare, (vizt.) once at or aboute the time of Easter, and once at or about the feast day of the birth of our Lord and Sauio^r Christe, if the same be soe often administered.

3. That none of these widowes there to be placed shall be vnder the age of fifty yeares at the time of such their placeinge there; and if they or any of them doe marry, then their place to be voyd, and such to be forthwith remoued and displaced.

4. That noe such widowe shall maintaine, keepe, or suffer any of her children, or any other person or persons whatsoever, to be resident, abide, or be sheltered there, saueing that it shall be lawfull for euery suche widowe to haue with her one of her owne daughters, being vnder the age of sixteene yeares and not aboute (yf she shall haue any such daughter), but if such daughter shall once haue atteyned to the age of sixteene yeares, then shall such daughter be remoued from her vtterly; but in case of sicknes or other extreme necessitie eu^y such widowe may haue one to helpe her dureing that time.

5. That eu^y such widowe there to inhabite, shall be of good life, fame, and conusa^on, and shall live peaceably and quietly wth [out] quarrelling or clamor.

6. That noe such widowe nor any other person for them or any of them, or by their or any of their appointment, shall cutt, crophe, fell, haue, or take any wood, vnderwood, trees, or bushes, which are or shall be growinge at any time hereafter in or vpon the way or lane wherein the sayd almes house is erected, vpon payne of removeall from thence vtterly vppon the first offence.

And if any such widow or widowes shall offend in any of thaforesaid first five rules or articles herein men^oned, then they and eu^y of them soe offendinge, after one admoni^on, shallbe forthwith displaced and put out of the sayd almes house by the

feoffees or trustees thereof for the time being, and never afterwards to be restored againe.

Item I will that the widow Walker, and the widow White, whom I haue placed in the said house, shall continue therein dureing their lives, they and either of them obserueing the instructions, articles, and rules before mençoned. Neu^othelesse my will and desire is, that if any of myne, or either of my two wiues linage or kindred, hereafter inhabiting in the said pish of Hartest, and being widowes or single women of the age of thirtie years or more, shall be in want and povertie, that then they or any of them shall from time to time be p^rferred to the said house and place before any other, yet subject to the rules, instructions, and articles before mençoned; and to the end that the aforementioned condiçon, intents, and purposes, may forever hereafter be the better p^rformed and fullfilled, my will and desire is that whensoever the aforementioned James Sparke, Robert Cronshaye, William Coppinge, Phillip Hamond, Richard Cronshaye, Ralph Twid, Thomas Browne, feoffees before appointed, shall happen to depart this life to the number of three or two of them, that then those three or two which shall survive shall speedily infeoffe and assure to five, six, or seaven of the chiefe inhabitants of the said towne of Hartest, and their heires, or to the sonnes of such inhabitants and their heires, the sayd two cottages, with the yards and apptⁿce therevnto belonging, of a good and perfect estate in fee simple, according to the condiçon and intençon aforesaid, and in such manner and sort as is before mençoned; and that such feoffment and assurances shall from time to time, soe longe as the world continue, be renewed by the feoffees of the sayd two cottages, when and soe often as the feoffees thereof shall dye, and not aboue two or three of them be left alive, or oftner if occasion shall serue, according to the purport, true intent, and meaninge of this my last will and testament, and in such sort as is here in before mençoned. And further I will and devise that the same tenem^t Penns, with the lands thereto adioynninge, be absolutely and fully charged wth the

paym^t of ten shillings p annum, soe long as the world shall endure, for and towards the repa^{co}ns of the aforesaid two cottages or almshouse, the same ten shillings p annum I will to be payed halfe yearly by even por^{co}ns into the hands of the feoffees of the sayd two cottages for the time being, or the major pte of them ; and what shall remaine thereof over and aboue repa^{co}ns made, such surplus to be distributed betwene the poore widowes inhabiting and to be inhabiting in the said cottages from time to time equally by the feoffees thereof.

Item I give and bequeath vnto Richard Gardner, my cosin and clerke, all my wearinge apparell, and all my bookes, papers, and pchments vnsealed, excepting such English bookes as Mary my wife, and Mary Browne my daughter, shall make choyce of for their se^uall vses, which said English bookes I will they shall haue, and excepting six of my best bookes in folio, which I give to the sayd Thomas Browne, and alsoe my dictionary in quarto. Item I give and bequeath vnto Mary my wife the vse of all my houshold stuffe, bedds, bedding, and of all my ymplements and vtensells of houshold stuffe and husbandry, for and dureinge the terme of her life, (if she shall soe long keepe her selfe sole and vnmarried,) and after the death or marriage of my said wife, which of them first happen, then I give and bequeath the same vnto Mary my daughter. Provided that if the sayd Mary shall depart this life without yssue of her bodie begotten, and before she shall haue accomplished her age of one and twenty yeares, then I give and bequeath all my aforesaid houshold stuffe, bedds, bedding, implements, and vtensills of houshold and husbandry, vnto the sayd Mary my wife. Item I give vnto Frances Browne, my grandchilde, fifty pounds, to be payd into her father's hands soone after my decease, and to be improued by him for her vse, and to be payd to her at her age of sixteene years by her said father. Item I doe nominate and appoint the sayd Richard Gardner my cosin sole executo^r of this my last will and testament, and I doe give him for his paines to be taken therein ten pounds, over and aboue

all his charges and expences. Item I give to my cosin Elizabeth Whittacre, fortie shillings. Item I give to the poore people of Hartest, twenty shillings; to the poore people of Boxted, ten shillings; to the poore people of Glemsford, fortie shillings; to the poore people of Stansted, twenty shillings; and to the poore people of Somerton, ten shillings. Item I give and bequeath to my sonne in lawe William Griggs, five pounds; to my sonne in lawe Philip Hamond, ten shillings; to my sonne in lawe Henry Griggs, ten shillings; to my sonne in law John Griggs, ten shillings, to be payed to them and every of them within six moneths next after my decease. Item I give to my cosin James Sparke a peece of gold of twenty shillings. Item I give to every of my aunt Gardner's children, to eu^y of my aunt Manning's children (except Elizabeth), to every of my aunt Raye's children, and to every of my aunt Holditch children, five shillings a peece; and to Elizabeth the wife of Richard Albone, twenty shillings. The residue of all my goods, chattells, and psonall estate, I give and bequeath vnto the sayd Mary my wife, for and towards the payment of the fines for her and her daughters admittance to the copihold lands and tenements to them by me herein devised and bequeathed, and for the increase of her said daught^{rs} porcion, saveing onely my ring of gold, and my seale of silver w^{ch} I give to my grandsonne Thomas Browne, together with my best sword; provided allwayes that if my sayd wife shall happen to marry againe, then I will that she shall not be guardian to her said daughter Mary, neither shall haue the vse of any of the goods, stuffe of houshold, chattells, psonall estate, or thinges by me herein given to her, but then and in that case I will my said executo^r shall be her guardian vntill her age of one and twentie yeares, and shall then deliu^d the sayd houshold stuffe and goods, chattells, and thinges to the said Mary; and further I will that my executo^r in that case shall haue and take the whole rents, yssues, and profitts of the same lands and tenem^{ts} devised to my said wife, from and ymediately after my said wiues en^tmariage for the edu-

caçon and benefitt of the said Mary her and my daughter, and he to be guardian vntill her age aforesaid, and then to be answerable to her for the rents and pfts thereof, deducting for her educaçqn and maintenance. Item I give and bequeath vnto Joane Plampin my goddaughter, ten shillings; to Henry Hible thelder, of Brockley, and to George Hible of Speeds in Hartest, to either of them fortie shillings a pece. In wittnes whereof to this my last will and testament, conteyned in five sheets of paper, I the said Thomas Wright haue subscribed and sealed, the day and yeare first aboue written. *Fiat voluntas tua Ihu.* Iſm I give vnto John Wiseman, of whom I pꝛchased Googins laye, if he be leveing at the time of my death, twentie shillings. **THO. WRIGHT.** Sealed, published, and declared in the p̄sence of Phillip Hamond, William Hible, Benjamin Roydon.

Item I give and bequeath vnto my cosin William Copin, sometimes of Hartest aforesaid, yeoman, five pounds; and to Benjamin Royden of Hartest aforesaid, ten shillings. Item my will and meaning is that my executor shall haue, take, and receive the rents, yssues, and pftts that shall be due for my lands in Brockley at the feast of S^t Michaell tharchangell now next cominge and fourteene dayes after, for and towards the performance of this my last will and testament. In wittnes whereof I the sayd Thomas Wright haue added this codicill to this my last will and testament, and haue herevnto sett my hand and seale the eight day of September, in the three and twentieth yeare of the raigne of our said sou^aigne Lord King Charles, annoq; dñi 1647, **THO. WRIGHT.** These whose names are subscribed being witnesses, Phillip Hamond, James Sparke.

Probat. 12 Julij, 1648.

[Lib. Ashton, pars I. f. 57^b.]

James Bacon, of Burgate, clerk.—1647.

In the name of God Amen. Whereas it is most true, especially

to every true christian, that the day of death is better then ones birth, eu^y christian therefore hath as familiarly of the day of his death as any one vseth to doe on the day of his birth, and as willingly to p^pare in a readinesse against the time of his departure out of this world as our parents doe willingly provide all thinges needfull against the time of our comeing into this world, for by our nativitie we doe but descend into a valley of teares and misery, and by death euery faithfull christian ascends into a mounteyne of tranquillitie and rest, soe that his death is not soe properly termed a death as a gate and enterance into life, or as it were the suburbs of heaven and happinesse. Now, whereas this life is nothing else but a jorney vnto death and the graue, and such a journey where a man is continually goeing on without intermission day and night, even when he thinkes not of it, and yet a man knoweth nothinge lesse then when he shall come to the end of this jorney, the day of death being as vn^ctaine as death it selfe is certaine. It is the dutie therefore of e^vie christian soe to p^pmeditate of that day, and soe to dispose of his earthly affaires, that he may be allwayes in a readinesse when soeu^r the Lord of life and death shall call for him, soe that although his death may be suddaine yet it may not come vnexpected vnto him, nor fynd him vn^ppared for it. Wherefore that I might be the better p^pared for that day of my death wherein I hope to see lyfe, I, James Bacon, of Burgate, in the countie of Suff. clarke, being in my wonted health and enjoying (through God's mercie) the vse of my vnderstanding and memory, doe make this my last will and testament, and before I vndertake to dispose of any thinge, I doe acknowledge my selfe with all that belonges vnto me to be altogether in the hand and power and at the disposing of my God, whoe is the onely supreme and vpper Lord of all; and therefore cravage leaue of him whose secrett pvidence overruleth all, and submitting to his good will (whose will is the rule of all goodnesse), my will and desire is as followeth, vizt. First, I commend my spirit into the hands of Christe Jesus my Lord and Sauio^r, who being the second person in the Holy Trinitie, the

eternall and ñrall sonne of God, assumed manhood vnto his godhead, that soe being true God and true man in one and the same pson, he might bee a fitt mediateto^r betweene God and man; into his hands I comẽd my soule, because I confidently beleeeue that he hath pformed and accomplished whatsoeu⁹ the justice of God required for the redempcion of man, and by his holynesse and inocensie, by his righteousnes and obedience, by his death and sufferings, I beleeeue (Lord help my vnbeleife) that I shall attaine to that redempcion and salvacon of my soule and body, which he hath merited for me, for he was holy, innocent, and vndefiled, that I might be freed from that originall sinne wherein I was conceived and borne; he hath pfectly fulfilled the lawe of God, and obeyed his will, that by his righteousnes imputed vnto me I might be made righteous; he hath subjected himselfe to vndergoe and indure that wrath of God, both in body and soule, which was due to my sinne, for he being just and innocent willingly offered himselfe to be apphended, that I, who was the offendo^r, might escape, he being bound, was publicquely arraigned and accused before the tribunall of an earthly judge, that I might not be accused before the throne of God in the p^sence of his holy angells; he was condemned for those sinnes whereof I was guilty, that I might be acquitted and absolved; he was whipped, derided, and crused, which were the contumely, curse, and punishment due to my sinnes, that soe by his ignominie I mighte attaine to eternall glory; by his derision of an affected earthly kingdome I might inherite a heavenly kingdome, and by his crosse be exalted to heaven and hapinesse; he hath by his death vanquished death for me, and taken away the curse that was therein, that my death [may be] amyable vnto me; he hath fastened Sathan and sinne vnto his crosse for me; yea he is risen againe and hath triumphed over all my spirituall enimies; for me he is ascended into heaven to p^pare a place for me. Into the hands therefore of this my Redeemer I comitt my soule, hoping that by him it shall haue entrance into that eternall habitacon which he haue p^pared for those who beleeeue in

him. For my bodie, when death shall have made sepaçon betweene my soule and that, my desire is that my executrix hereafter named would give it (if God pmitt) decent buriall, that soe it may rest in the grave as in a bedd perfumed by the buriall of my Sauio^r vntill the day of resurrecōn, for although my body be made deformed by death, yet I haue learned firmly to beleeeue that at the last day, by the power of God and vertue of Christes Resurrecōn, it shalbe rayzed out of the dust, a glorious body, when all the faithfull shall rise againe to eu^olastinge life; and this faith which I haue^e now testified, I hope the spirite of my Sauio^r (by whose assistance I will pray for it) will confirme in me and teach me more cleerely to vnderstand, and more vndoubtedly to apply to my selfe whatsoeu^r my Lord hathe done for me, vntill I shall attaine to the end of my faith, even the salvaçon of my soule and body. And for those goods and possessions which God hath given me, together with a liball vse of them, desiring the Lord to continue vnto me both them and the comfortable enjoying of them, (soe long and soe farre as may be for his glorie,) I doe acknowledge my selfe to be but a fiduciarie possessor of them vnder God, who is the most vpper Lord and possessor of all, and as I haue libtie to take my owne pte and porcōn of them, soe it is my dutie faithfully to dispose of the other part of them to such persons and vses as my Lord hath appointed; wherefore my desire is to distribute my substance and goods as neere as I can according to the will of him whose steward I am, and to whom I must give an accompt of the dispensaçon of that which he hath co^mmitted vnto me: First therefore, because I conceive that my great Lord and Master doth esteeme whatsoeu^r is rightly bestowed vpon his faithfull children as bestowed vpon himselfe, I give tenn pounds to be equally devided and distributed betweene ten such poore christians as are in want, and which by their lives doe testify themselves to be the true and faithfull children of God, from whom I haue received all, and in whose hands and power it is to translate all that he hath giuen me from me and mine to whomsoeu^r he pleaseth. My will

and desire is that John Symonds of Gislingham, in the countie of Suff. clarke, and Clement Raie of Watisfield, in the county aforesaid, clarke, shall assigne the said ten psons and distribute the said ten pounds. And whereas I haue vndertaken to pay the summe of five hundred pounds of lawfull English money to Mr. Richard Tomes, marchant of London, for Nathaniell Bacon my sonne, who is now in France, and haue sold certaine lands lyeing and being in Sternfield, in the said countie of Suffolke, which were valued to be cleerely worth twentie and five pounds p annũ, vnto the said Richard Tomes, for foure hundred pounds, pcell of the said summe of five hundred pounds, and haue paid to the sayd Richard Tomes the other hundred pounds, residue of the said five hundred pounds; therefore as conc̃ning the disposiçon of such lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditaments as it hath pleased God to blesse me with, I give and devise the same in manner and forme following: that is to say, Impr̃is, whereas I haue assured vnto Martha my wife, for terme of her ñrall life, all that my manno^r of Pirleys, and diverse lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts}, in Sternfield, in the countie aforesaid, that after the decease of the said Martha my wife I give and devise my said manno^r of Pirleys, and alsoe all the said lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts}, soe as aforesaid assured vnto the said Martha my wife for her life, unto the said Nathaniell Bacon my sonne, and to Elizabeth, Martha, and Anne my daughters, and to their heires for eu⁹, equally to be devided amongst them; and if it shall happen that the said Nathaniell my sonne, or any of my said daughters, shall depte this life without issue of his or her body lawfully begotten, then I will and devise that the pte of him or her soe dyeing shalbe equally devided amongst the rest of my sayd children which shalbe then liveing. Item I give and devise vnto Martha my daughter all those my lands and tenem^{ts} which I lately purchased of Anthony Baker, gent. scituate, lyeing, and being in Snape and Friston, in the countie of Suff. now in the occupaçon of Robert Dymyngton, or his assignes, to haue and to hold the same, with all and singl^r their appt̃nce, vnto the said

Martha my daughter, and to her heires for eu. Item I give and devise vnto Anne my daughter all that my meadowe comonly called Saxmondham meadowe, ats Sedgfen, or by any other name or names whatsoeu⁹, lyeing and beinge in Saxmondham, in the county aforesayd, conteyning by estimaçon five acres and one roode, and alsoe one little meadowe therevnto adjoyning, conteyning by estimaçon one acre, which twoe meadowes were lately in the occupaçon of Nathaniell Bacon of Friston aforesaid, Esq. and are now in the occupaçon of Anthony Flemynge, or his assignes, to haue and to hold the sayd two meadowes, with all and singuler their apptñce, to the said Anne my daughter, and to her heires for eu⁹. And if it shall happen that eyther of my said daughters Martha and Anne shall depte this life without yssue of her body lawfully begotten, then I give and devise the lands and tenem^{ts} which I haue before herein given and devised to my said daughter soe dyeing, vnto my other daughter survivinge, and to her heires for ever. Item I give and bequeath vnto the sayd Martha my wife all my readie money, jewells, and debts. Item I will and my mynd and desire is, that all my plate, and all my other goods, chattells, and howshold stufte whatsoeu⁹ shall after my decease be devided into two equall ptes, and then the one part thereof I give vnto the said Martha my wife, and the other pte thereof I give and bequeath vnto Martha and Anne my daughters, to be equally devided betweene them. Item I give and bequeath vnto Elizabeth my daughter, now the wife of Mr. Thomas Burrowes, my bookes of Mr. Perkins workes, beinge conteyned in three volumes. Item I give and bequeath vnto the poore people of the towne of Burgate aforesaid the sũme of six pounds of lawfull English money, to be distributed amongst them. Item I give and bequeath vnto the poore people of six seu⁹all townes next adjoyneing to the towne of Burgate aforesaid, the sũme of six pounds of lawfull English money, that is to say, to every one of the same six townes twentie shillings to be distributed amongst them. And now vpon the great trust and confidence which I haue and doe repose in the said Martha my wife, I

doe ordeine and make her, the said Martha my wife, my sole executrix of this my last will and testam^t, acknowledging that I haue found fauour from the Lord, whoe in his pvidence provide soe faithfull a companion, and soe fitt a helper for me, desireing her to be carefull to see this my will pformed according to my true intent and meaninge before herein expressed and declared; and I doe hereby revoke all former wills by me made, and I doe publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, being conteyned and written in five sheets of paper, wherevnto I haue sett my seale, and to eu^y sheete thereof subscribed my name, the foure and twentieth day of September, in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred forty and seaven; in the p^sence of those whose names are herevnder written. JAMES BACON. Robert Harris, Tho. Alexander.

Probat. 23 Jan. 1649.

[Lib. Ashton, pars I. f. 279.]

Jasper Despotin, of Bury, M.D.—1648.

The thirteenth day of December, A^o. Dñi 1648, I, Jasper Despotin, of Bury St. Edmunds, in the countie of Suff., Doctor of Phisicke, an alien borne, but divers yeares since by the king's favor made free denizen, being by the grace of God in sufficient health of body, and in full vnderstanding and memory, and of a disposing and testamentary mind, considering the divers accidents that happen to men vnexpectedly taken out of this world, that they haue not time to dispose of their affaires in their life time, and alsoe that if I should dye without makeing and publishing my last will my estate shold goe otherwise then I intend it, doe make, publish, and declare this my last will and testament, thereby re-vokeing, countermanding, and annulling all form^s wills by me at any time heretofore made: First, I give and bequeath in the Holy Ghoste my soule to Christe, the creato^r and redeemer of it, and by him to God the Father, praying him which gaue his onely

begotten sonne that the world should not perish, but haue everlasting life by the onely meritte of his sonne; to grant me free remission of my many and greivous sinnes, and convert her and me to be a preist to singe eternally "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabboth." My body I leaue to the grave in faith and hope of the resurreccōn of the just in the same Christe Jesus, Amen. In the meane space to be buried in the night privately by the body of my daughter Isabell, if my executrices of this my will be able to obteyne it, otherwise as my said executrices shall appoint. And for my worldly estate I dispose therof as followeth: I give to the poore of Bury St. Edmund's tenne pounds sterling, to be payd within six dayes after my departure, and to be distributed at the discrecōn of my executrices. And to the poor of Nedging, in the said countie of Suff., I give five pounds sterling, to be payd and distributed alsoe by my executrices within six dayes after my decease. Alsoe I give to my servants that at the time of my death shall be actual in my service, and shall haue serued me the space of six moneths then last past, halfe a yeare's wages over and aboue what shalbe then due vnto them. And if they haue not then served me by the space of six moneths then last past, then I give to such of them as shall not haue serued me soe longe, soe much as their wages shall then come too over and aboue their wages which shall then be due. The said legacies to my servants to be payd within fifteene dayes after my decease. Alsoe I doe will and appoint ten rings of gold to be made of the value of twenty shillings a peece sterling, with a death's head vpon some of them, within one moneth after my deptime, and to be disposed of amongst my friends as my executrices shall thinke meet. Yet soe soone as the surviving feoffees of my manno^r of Nedginge and their wiues, that is to say, John Brand, of Edwardston, in the said countie of Suff. gent., and his wife, and John Bruninge, of Semer, in the said countie, clerke, and his wife, shall haue each of them one. Alsoe I give vnto Mr. Clegatt, Minister of St. Maries parish in Bury St. Edmunds, three

pounds sterling ; and to Mr. Gibbon, Minister of the parish of St. Maries in the same towne, fortie shillings sterling, to buy him a ring for a memoriall of me ; the sayd ministers legacies to be payd to them within a moneth or two after my decease : provided that if the said ministers, or either of them, shall remove from their said places, or shall not at the time of my death be in actuall possession and exercise thereof, then the legacie or legacies of him or them that shall not then be minister there to be voyd. Alsoe I give to Mr. William Bedle of Rattlesden, clerke, five pounds sterling, to be payd vnto him within one moneth after my decease. And whereas the said John Brand and John Bruninge, by virtue of a feoffment made to them and others since deceased, are lawfully seized to them and their heires in fee simple, of and in all that the mannor of Nedging and the advousion, donation, and free disposiçon of the church and rectory of Nedging aforesaid, and diverse mesuages, lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditaments in Nedginge aforesaid in trust, netherlesse in confidence, and to such intents and purposes as by the deed of feoffm^t thereof made are expressed and declared, or should at any time after, by any wryting by me signed and sealed in the p^{se}nce of foure credible wittnesses, or by my last will and testam^t in writeinge be expressed or declared. Now I doe hereby, in pursuance of my sayd power, and for further declaraçon of the said trust, will, devise, and appoint, and doe desire the said John Brand and John Bruninge, my sayd feoffees, vpon reasonable request on that behalfe to be made soe soone after my death as conveniently maybe, to convey and assure vnto Susan Despotin, my welbeloued wife, and to Catherine Despotin and Anne Despotin, my onely daughters, and heire apparent, and their heires, all that the said manno^r of Nedging, advousion, and all other the said messuages, lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditaments in Nedging aforesaid, with all and singuler their appurtenances, to the vses, intents, and purposes, and vnder the provisoes, condiçons, and limitaçons in and by this my p^{se}nt last will and testament hereafter limited, declared, de-

vised, or appointed; that is to say, for and touching the demesnes of the said manno^r of Nedginge, and all other the sayd mesuages, lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditaments in Nedging aforesaid, with thappt^{nc}, to the use of my sayd welbeloued wife, for and dureing the terme of her ñrall life. And from and after her decease, then for and touching all that the manno^r house, or man^ñon house, or capitall mesuage in Nedging aforesayd, now or late in the occupa^ñon of Stephen Chaplayn or his assignes, and all other the mesuages, lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditaments in Nedging aforesaid, now or late alsoe in the occupa^ñon of the said Stephen Chaplayn or his assignes, with the appt^{nc}, to the vse of the said Catherine Despotin my daughter and her heires for e^u; to the intent and purpose ne^uthesse that it shall and maybe lawfull to and for the sayd Anne Despotin my daughter, and her heires, to haue, take, and receive out of the same one aⁿnuity or yearly rent of thirtie pounds per ann^u of lawfull money of England, payable at the two vsuall feasts of St. Michaell th'archangell and Th'annuncia^ñon of the blessed Virgine Mary, by even and equall por^ñons; the first payment thereof to beginne at such of the s^d feasts as shall next and imediately happen after the decease of my said wife, with power to distreine for the same in case it shall happen to be behind and vnpayd by the space of eight and twentie dayes next after any of the s^d feasts; with provisoe ne^uthesse and condi^ñon in the sayd conveyance to be conteyned, that in case the said Katherine Despotin, her heires or assignes, shall at any of the said feasts, or within one moneth after any of the said feasts, accompting eight and twentie dayes to the moneth, pay or cause to be payd to the sayd Anne Despotin, her heires or assignes, the full su^mme of five hundred pounds of lawfull money of England, at or in the then man^ñon house or place of habita^ñon of the said Anne Despotin, that then and from thenceforth the sayd aⁿnuity or yearly rent of thirty pounds per aⁿnum shall cease and be determined. And for and con^ñinge that mesuage or tenem^t in Nedging aforesayd, called or knowne by the name of

Smythlands, and all other mesuages, lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditaments in Nedginge aforesayd, now or late in the occupa^{co}n of Robert Rose or his assignes, from and after the decease of the sayd Susan Despotin my wife, to the vse of the sayd Anne Despotin my daughter, and her heires foreu^o. And for and conc^onning the royalties, services, quitt-rents, courts, and perquisitts of the said manno^r of Nedginge, and the aduouision of the church of Nedginge, to the vse of the sayd Catherine Despotin my daughter, her heires and assignes foreu^o, as shalbe reasonably devised or advised and required; and vntill such conveyance and assurance shall be made by my sayd feoffees as aforesayd, I doe hereby devise, limitt, and appoint the said manno^r of Nedginge, and aduouision, and all other the said mesuages, lands, tenem^{ts}, hereditam^{ts}, and p^omisses in Nedginge aforesayd, to my sayd wife and daughters respectively, for such estate and estates, and to such vse and vses, and to the intents and purposes, and vnder the provisoe and condi^{co}n hereby before limited and declared; and that the sayd John Brand and John Bruninge shall from and after my decease stand and be seised thereof in trust, for the vse of my said wife and daughters respectively for such estate and estates, and to such intents and purposes, and vnder such provisoe and condi^{co}n as aforesayd. Alsoe I give and devise vnto the said Susan Despotin my welbeloued wife, all and singuler my houses, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoeu^o, freehold or leasehold, in Bury St. Edmunds aforesayd, to haue and to hold to her the said Susan dureinge soe longe time as she the said Susan shall live. And after her decease, I will and devise the same to the said Anne Despotin my daughter, her heires, execut^{rs}, and assignes respectively. Alsoe I give and devise vnto the sayd Anne Despotin my daughter, her heires and assignes, all and singuler my mesuages, houses, lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts} whatsoeu^o, freehold or copyhold, in Stanton, in the sayd countie of Suff., or in any other towne therevnto neare adjoyninge, now or late in the occupa^{co}n of John Pennell, or his assignes. And whereas alsoe in or aboute the fifteenth yeare of the

reigne of our sou^rraigne king Charles, I did convey and assure vnto my said two daughters Catherine and Anne, and to Isabell theire sister, then liveing, and theire heires, divers lands, tenements, and hereditam^{ts} in Orfford, in the sayd countie of Suff., which I had in mortgage from William Sanhope, Esq. for seaven hundred pounds of lawfull money to him formerly lent, which moneys then were and still are vnpayd, and thereby the estate therein was and is become absolute. And alsoe one mannor and diverse lands, tenements, and hereditaments in the countie of Essex called or knowne by the name of Carbonells, which I alsoe had in mortgage from S^r Robert Crowe, knight and Baronett, for eight hundred pounds of like money, which sūme of eight hundred pounds being payd by the said S^r Robert Crowe, was afterwards put out vpon mortgage alsoe to Isaacke Appleton, Esq. and being payd by the said Isaacke Appleton, hath since been put out to Stephen Soame, Esq. vpon securitie of a lease for yeares made by him the sayd Stephen Soame and S^r William Soame, knight, his father, of the manno^r of Brockford, at^s Brockford Hall, and other lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts} in Brockford, in the sayd county of Suff., and other townes adjoyneing, for divers yeares therein yet to come and vnexpired. And whereas by the death of the sayd Isabell my daughter the estate and interest in the said mortgaged p^mises in Orfford aforesayd is survived and come to the sayd Catherine and Anne my daughters, and the said eight hundred pounds alsoe payd in by the sayd S^r Robert Crane [*sic*], and now secured by mortgage from the said S^r William Soame and Stephen Soame, Esq. is of right belonging to my sayd daughters Catherine and Anne, howbeit my name is vsed on theire behalfe in the takeing of the said mortgage as securitie for the same. Now I doe hereby, for the further ratifying, confirmeing, and establishing the tytle of my said daughters Catherine and Anne to the sayd mortgaged premisses, and to the moneys therevpon respectively due, give, will, and devise to my said daughters Catherine and Anne as well the sayd mortgaged p^mises in Orfford aforesayd, as alsoe the sayd p^mises in Brockford aforesaid,

or in any other towne near adjoyneinge, wherein my name was vsed as aforesayd. And all the said seu⁹all sūmes of seaven hundred pounds, and eight hundred pounds, thereby secured as aforesayd, wth the proceed thereof, to haue and to hold the same to them the sayd Catherine and Anne, their heires, executo^{rs}, and assignes respectively. And for further supply of p^{re}sent por^{ti}on and meanes of livelyhood for my sayd daughters, I doe alsoe hereby give and bequeath vnto my sayd daughters the sūme of five hundred pound sterling out of my personall estate, to make vp their p^{re}sent por^{ti}ons a thousand pounds a peece or vpwards. Alsoe I give vnto my sayd daughters all and singuler my plate, jewells, bedding, linnen, brasse, pewter, houshold stuffe, vtensills, and implem^{ts} of house whatsoever (my bookes allwayes excepted), to be deliu^{ed} and equally to be devided betweene my sayd daughters after the death of my sayd wife. In the meane time I will and appoint that my sayd wife shall haue the vse thereof. And of this my last will and testament I make, constitute, and ordaine the sayd Susan Despotin my welbeloued wife, and my sayd daughters Catherine and Anne Despotin, my executrices. Provided allwayes, and my will is, that the said Catherine and Anne my daughters shall, vpon reasonable request, joyne in any such assurance or conveyance as shall be reasonably devised or advised for settling my manno^r, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with thap^{er}tyⁿce in Nedging aforesayd, and every parte thereof, to the vses, intents, and purposes aboue limited, and declared: or, in case either of them shall refuse and deny to doe such acts as shalbe reasonably required for settling the same and every pte thereof asaf oresayd, that then such of them soe refuseing shall haue noe benefitt by this my last will and testament, nor of any legacie thereby given. In wittnes whereof I haue herevnto sett my hand and seale, and published and declared this to be my last will and testament, the day and yeare first aboue written, and in the p^{re}sence of Tho. Fletcher, Abraham Wright, sen., Francis Godfrey, Roger Bridon. JASPER DESPOTIN.

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[Lib. Ashton, pars II. f. 339.]

William Fiske, of Pakenham, gent.—1648.

In the name of God, Amen. The twentieth day of March, in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred forty and eight, I, William Fiske, of Pakenham, in the countie of Suff. gent., being in good health and perfect memory, (I thanke God for it,) doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following, renownceing form^r wills: First, I comēd my soule into the hands of Almighty God, hopeing and praying that onely through the mercie and meritts of Jesus Christe my Redeemer, I may receive remission and pdon of all my sinnes, and may be made ptaker of eu^olasting life and salva^on, and my body after death I comēt to the earth to be buried in decent manner at the costs and discre^on of my executo^rs hercafter named. And as touching my temporall goods and possessions, which God haue blessed me withall, I dispose of them in manner and forme following: First, I give and bequeath vnto John Fiske, my eldest sonne, my manno^r or capitall mesuage in Norton, called Hardings, together with my tenem^t called Finches, wherein one William Syer now dwelleth, with all the lands, rents, and apptⁿce to them belonging, lyeing and being in Norton aforesaid, and in the occupa^on of one William Muskett, to him and his heires for ever. Itm I give vnto the sayd John Fiske my sonne, one close of pasture, called Norton pasture, conteyning by estima^on therof ffortie acres, lyeing in Norton aforesaid, and holden by copie of Co^rt Roll of the manno^r of Norton Hall, to him and his heires foreu^o. Itm I give vnto the said John my sonne, my mesuage or tenem^t in Elmswell, called Marriotts, wherein one Robert Rose now dwelleth, with all the lands, and app^tn^{ces} thereto belonging, together with all other my lands in Elmswell aforesayd, to him the said John and his heires foreu^o. Itm I give and bequeath vnto the same John my sonne, my tenement of mesuage in the towne of Sibton, in Suffolke, with the lands therto belong-

ing, now in the fearme and occupaçon of one Symon Hayles, to him and his heires foreu⁹; and he to enter all the lands before bequeathed to him p⁹sently after my decease. Iſm I give and bequeath vnto the said John my sonne, the reu⁹çon of a tenem^t or capitall mesuage in Darsham, in the countie of Suff., with all the lands and appertenances to the sayd mesuage belonging, lying in Darsham, Bliborow, and Westleton, which I lately pchased of William Hart of the said towne of Darsham, gent., to him and his heires foreu⁹. Iſm I give and bequeath also vnto the said John Fiske my sonne, all that rent-charge of sixe pounds, thirteene shillings, and foure pence, by the yeare, issuing out of my said sonnes moitie of Coldhall, in Woolpett, in the countie of Suff. which I bought of Gardener Webbe, esq., to have and to hold to my said sonne John and to his heires foreu⁹. Iſm I give and bequeath unto Thomas my sonne, my tenem^t, or capitall mesuage in the towne of Wramlingham, in the county of Norff., with all my lands, both free and them which are holden by copie of Court Roll, lying in the said towne of Wramlingham, and which I pchased of Christopher Herne, gent., and is now in the occupaçon of one John Lawrence, gent., together with all thap^tuñce whatsoeu⁹, to him the said Thomas and his heires foreu⁹, and he to enter the same p⁹sently after my decease, and to take and enioy the rent and profitts that shall arise out of the said lands from the feast of St. Michaell the archangell next before my decease. Iſm I give and bequeath to Martha Bright, my eldest daughter, one hundred pounds of lawfull English money, to be payd vnto her by my executo^r hereafter named within three moneths after my decease; and, if shee shall thinke good, to be disposed of by her to the vse of Katharine her daughter, as she shall see cause or most convenient, my sonne-in-law, Mr. Henry Bright, makeing a true accompt and payment of such moneys as shall then be owinge to me or my executo^r by reason of money lent or otherwise. Iſm I give vnto the aforementioned Thomas my sonne, a silver beeker, which I vse in my chamber. I give alsoe

vnto him my horse and horse armo^r, pistolls, and the other furniture belonging thereto for service and remaining at Pakenham. And alsoe one of the three musketts which are there, with the head peece, sword, and bandeleers. Iſm I give alsoe vnto him a Geneva Byble, and eight volumes of my bookes in folio, namely, Mr. Perkyns, in three volumes, Purchas his Pilgrimes, in foure volumes, and Doct^r Willett's Sinopsis Papismi, in one volume, and alsoe Mr. Dent and Mr. Barnard theire Exposiçons on the Revelaçons; onely, vpon further thoughts, my mynd is that one of Mr. Perkins volumes standing belowe in the parlor shall remaine there still for the vse of the house, and instead thereof, I give him Gualther on the Acts. And I bequeath and leaue with my sonne John a Manuscript, or written booke in folio, which I desire he may not soe lend it to any man as to loose it or spoile it, but to keepe it as a monument of my readings, and may serue for private vse, as the first copie thereof may serve for vse to my sonne Thomas. And all the rest of my bookes which are in my studdie, together with my globe, mapps, boxes, and whatsoen⁹ beside I haue in my studdie, I give vnto the said John Fiske my sonne, together with a great chest of elming borde, standing in the lower gallerie, for to putt therein the bookes, and alsoe a long box in the vpper gallery to put in the great mapp, being rolled vp. Iſm all my linnen, bedding, and whatsoeu⁹ household stuffe beside, not before bequeathed, which I haue remaining at Pakenham, whereof I made an inventorie at my comeinge hither, and which may be found amonge other papers, I give vnto my sonne John Fiske and Martha Bright my eldest daughter, to be equally devided betwixt them. The rest of my household stuffe elsewhere, together with all my moueable goods vnbequeathed, bills, bonds, and debts, both private and publike, I give vnto my executo^r and his heires to enioy the same p^sently after my decease. And I alsoe bequeath vnto him twoe hundred pounds of lawfull English money and the profitts thereof, which 200^{li} was payd at twise into the Chamber of London for the

service of Ireland, according to an ordinance or ordinances of the king and both houses of Parliament. Iſm I give vnto Mary Fiske and Margaret Meadows, my two youngest daughters, five pounds a peece, to be payd within one moneth next after my decease by my executor. Iſm I give vnto John Alby of Norwich, my cosen, forty shillings of lawfull English money, to be payd vnto him yearly by my executor dureing his life, that is to say, without demand, ten shillings to be sent him every quarter, except he shall obteyne the benefitt of liveing in the hospitall. And whereas, in anno 1630, I beganne a guift of a dozen of bread weekly to be given to the poore of the towne of Norton in Suff., my mynd and desire is that the same guift may continue to the world's end. And therefore I doe appoint and ordeyne that within one yeare next after my decease, my said sonne John shall to that end conveigh and assure into certaine feoffees hands, such feoffees as my said sonne John and my cosen Charles Turner of that towne shall nominate and appoint, two peeeces of meadow lyeing together within Ixworth, and sett out by dooles, conteyning about two acres and an halfe, which meadow ground I pchased of William and John Parker of Ixworth aforesaid, at the price of fifty-five pounds. And the said two peeeces of meadow to be thus conveyed and assured, vizt. Twelve pence a weeke to goe out of it for eu^o, to pay weekly for one dozen of bread, which comes yearly to fiftie and two shillings; and the residue of the rent or profitts of the said meadowe ground to remaine to the sayd John and his heires, to be disposed of as they shall thinke good. And my mind is that the dozen of bread weekly to be sent in shalbe such bread and soe provided as the minister and two cheife officers of the same pish shall thinke fitt and convenient. And shall alsoe be weekly given vnto twelue or thirteene such persons as they shall thinke most worthy and to haue most need; and if by alteraçon of tymes the said yearly sume of 52 s. shall fall short, my mynd and will is that my said sonne John and his heires by supply shall make such provision by good

security, as that the said guift may euer be continued. And my desire is that the bounds and dooles of the said two peeces of meadowe and euery pte thereof may be carefully kept and ctainely knowne. Item I doe nominate and appoint John Fiske my sonne, often before named, to be sole executo^r of this my last will and testament for the probate and due execu^{co}n thereof. And in wittnes that this is my last will and testament, I have subscribed my name and affixed my seale in the p^sence of these wittnesses vnderwritten. WILLIAM FISKE. Witnessed by vs, Walter Callow, Nathaniell Pricke.

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[Lib. Ashton, pars I. f. 284.]

Sir Edmund Bacon, Bart.—1648.

Since, by the mercie of Almightye God, I am at this time in perfect memorie and vnderstanding, I haueing occasion to make this my last will and testam^t, I sett it downe as followeth: humbly beseeching the Lord of all mercie and compassion to cleare me from all my sinnes and iniquities by the bloud of Jesus Christe, that by the imputa^{co}n of his righteousnesse my soule may be saued in the day of accompt and glorified amongst the elect. For my body, I desire it may be layd in the vault vpon the north syde of the chancell of Redgrau church, vnder the monument I haue erected for my deare wife. And I will that noe funerall pompe be bestowed at my buriall; and I desire that afterwards the passage into the vault be bricked and filled up. For my personall estate, I give as followeth: I give vnto my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, of Riborowe, all my guilt and silver vessell, plate, and spoones, not otherwise bequeathed, which appears sett downe in an inventory. I give him alsoe all the wine and beere I shall leaue in my house at the time of my death, and all my corne either in my house or standing abroad, and all the hey, together with all the bedds of what kynde soever I shall leaue at the time of my death, not

otherwise disposed of, and all the deere in my parkes at Redgraue and Thornage. I give also vnto my sayd brother Mr. Robert Bacon all my houshold stuffe, as well linnen as otherwise, not otherwise bequeathed, bedding, hangings, and carpetts belonging to my houses at Redgraue and Thornage, and whatsoever vtensills belonging to my milhouse, stables, barnes, and all the outhouses, cart-houses, buttry, vessells in the cellars, pastry, kitchen, larder, brew-house, bakehouse, and the gardens, and the netts for fishing, and all my vessells of brasse, copper, pewter, and lead, and my houldbards. I give further vnto him all my armor, peeces, pistolls, swords, and saddles, and whatsoeu^r belongs to armes, not otherwise bequeathed, being either in the armory or the little roome adioneinge to it. I give also vnto him my blacke velvett footcloath layd with good and silver lace, with the furniture to it, and the best bitt I shall leaue, and my guilt stirropps. I give alsoe vnto my brother Mr. Robert Bacon my white marble bason, and what stood form^yly aboute it, in the parlo^r garden. I give vnto my cozen Mr. Maurice Barrowe my silver standish. Item I give vnto the towne of Redgraue, and to the townes of Botesdale, fifty pounds, to be bestowed as my executo^{rs} shall thinke best, to the vse of the poore in each parish; and my will is that the overseers of each parish doe give an account of the benefitt of it layd out to the poore yearely before the Justices, which shall take the accompt within a moneth after Easter day. And my will and meaninge is that it be delin^ded as an increase of the benefitt of the poore, and not to lessen any part of the collec^{cion} which shall be allowed otherwise for the supporting of the poore in each parish. Item I give to John White, my servant, and to his heires for ever, my messuage called Purdyes, with thapptūncē, and one peece of ground called Tynkers, sometimes a messuage, now wasted, both which lye in Botesdale, sometimes Anthony Fales, and lately belonging to Mrs. Anne Butts, my grandmother, deceased, and now are in the possession and occupa^{cion} of the sayd John White, my steward, or his assignes. I give vnto the town of Halstead

neere Bury, thirty pounds, to be disposed of to the best profit that shall be thought fitting by mine executo^{rs}, and the benefitt thereof to goe to the sexten of that parish, or some other appointed by six of the cheife inhabitants of that towne, the minister being one, for the well looking to the two toombes in that church, the one being the tombe of Sr Robert Drury and my deare sister his wife, and thother that of my neece Elizabeth their daughter. The like sūme I give vnto the towne of Redgrauē of thirty pounds, vpon the condiçon, for the keeping cleane and maintaineinge in good repaçoⁿs the tombe of my deare wife and the isle I builded to place it in, adioyning to the chancell on the north part, and is to be disposed on alsoe as mine executors shall thinke fittinge. And whereas my late deceased father, by his last will and testam^t, after paym^t of other legacies devised as well the residue of c^otaine plate, as alsoe certaine moneys therein mençoned, vnto my brothers Mr. Robert Bacon and S^r Butts Bacon, which seu^oall legacies, albeit I have truly satisfied with a great overplus and advantage to either of them, in the incumbrances since happened and well known to my said brothers, being desirous to p^ouent all future questions which may arise betwixt them or either of them and mine executo^{rs}, concerning the same, for the sake of mine executo^{rs} in that behalfe. And that this my last will and testament may be duely p^oformed, I doe herein and hereby, as well in p^oformance of the seu^oall provisoes, powers, and authorities by me sauēd and reserued in and by one indenture triptite, beareinge date the tenth day of September, in the sixteenth yeare of the reigne of our sou^oaigne Lord King Charles of England, &c. ; as alsoe to declare my true intent and meaninge, touchinge all and every the vses and estates respectiue^{ly} limited vnto my sayd brothers Robert Bacon and S^r Butts Bacon, in and by the sayd indentures ; as alsoe all and every the legacies by this my last will and testam^t to my said two brothers devised are all meant and intended, and hereby so deemed to be, aswell in full recompense and satisfacçon of all legacies, giufts, and bequests, in and by the sayd last will

and testam^t of my sayd late ffather to them seu^ll devised as aforesaid, as in testimony of my intire loue and affec^on to them, in which respect my further will, intent, and meaninge is, and I doe hereby further manifest and declare, that before such time as any of my said brothers, Mr. Robert Bacon and Sr Butts Bacon, shall take any benefitt by this my last will and testam^t, shall seu^llly and respectiue^{ly} vnder their hands and seales release to my sayd executo^{rs} all and all maner of legacies, sūme and sūmes of money, to them or either of them devised or bequeathed by the last will and testam^t of my late ffather ; and such of my said two brothers as vpon reasonable request of my sayd executo^{rs} shall refuse to make such release, and shall neu^othesse sewe, molest, and trouble mine execu^{to}^{rs} or the executo^{rs} of mine executors, touching or con^oninge such legacie or legacies or overplus money, to him devised by the last will and testament of my said late ffather, which neu^othesse I am confident he will not doe, that then and from thence forth the estate and estates to him and his heires males of his body, in and by thesayd indenture triptie limited, to cease, determine, and be vtterly voyd. Now whereas Sr Nicholas Bacon, my grandfather, Lord Keeper of the great Seale of England, did by his indenture dated the seaven and twentieth day of May, in the eight yeare of Queene Elizabeth, convey to diverse ffeoffees, in the same indenture men^oned, the moyetie of the mannor of Burgate with thapptūncē (inter alia) to the vse of himselfe for life, the remainder to Sr Nicholas Bacon his sonne for life, the remainder to the first begotten sonne in tayle, with diverse provisoes and remainders ; and further (inter alia) that it should be lawfull for every of the psons inheritable by force of the sayd indenture and limitta^ons of vses therein expressed, haueing and being in seisin in the sayd mannor with the appurtenances aforesaid, to make his last will and testament of the same, and thereby devise and bequeath the issues, reuenews, and profitts of the said manno^r with thapp^rtūncē aforesaid, and all and singuler the lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts}, whatsoeu^r accepted, reputed, and taken, as pte and pcell or member of

the sayd mannor, for and durning the space of seaven yeares next after his decease soe estated, as by the sayd indenture appeareth; and whereas the said Lord Keeper, by his indenture dated the tenth day of Aprill in the fifteenth yeere of the sayd Queene Elizabeth, conveyed and assured the other moyetie of the said manno^r of Burgate, with th'app^rtine^{ce}, to diuerse other ffeoffees in the same indenture men^çoned, to the same or like effect, vses, and provisoes, in the same first indenture men^çoned appeareth, now I, S^r Edmund Bacon, haueing an estate and interest of inheritance of the p^rmisses by virtue of the sayd seu^ll conveyances made as aforesaid, doe hereby and herein, according to the seu^ll and respectiue provisoes, powers, and authorities in and by the sayd two last seu^ll resited indentures, devise, bequeath, limitt and appoint the sayd mannor and lands wth the app^rtine^{ce} for the terme of seaven yeares next ensewing after my decease vnto my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, and his heires. I give vnto the poore of the townes wherein I dye seised of any farme or farmes the sūme of threescore pounds, to be propor^çonably devided, soe neare as may be, vnto the number of the poore of the seu^ll places; but the poore of the parishes of Redgraue and Botesdale are to haue nothinge of it, in regard I haue bestowed otherwise vpon them. I desire my servants, who haue a mind to it, may remaine at my charge at Redgraue hall six weekes after my decease, which time I intreat my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, and his heires, to allowe them; and that they who will not stay, may haue a reasonable propor^çon in money payd them for their dyetts by mine executo^{rs} for that time; and that vpon the six weekes end or before they shall haue their wages payd them which shall be due at the time of my death. And the legacies which I haue given them and others, I would haue discharged soe soone as may be after my decease, I leauing them ready money to doe it withall. Among the rest of my debts I owe vnto the towne of Botesdale tenn pounds, which I will shall be paid wthin a moneth after my decease, and soe much interest for the money, according to eight

in the hundred, as shall be due at that tyme (the interest of it was payd at Hallowmas, 1647). I would haue within a moneth after my decease a barrell of good gunpowder of a 100^{li} waight, deliued vnto one of the cheife constables of the hundred of Hartesmere, I haueing receiued it for the vse of my company, and not haueinge vsed it I desire it may be put into the magazine. I give vnto the right hono^{ble} the Lady Wootton, widowe to the Lord Edward Wotton deceased, Baron of Marly, one hundred pounds, together with the limned picture of my wife, which I knowe will be acceptable vnto her in regard of the great loue which was betweene them. I give alsoe vnto her La^{pp}, the landskipp inamiled vpon gold which is in the Dutch cabinet in my closett. To my neece the Lady Howell, daughter to the Lord Thomas Wotton deceased, I give my diamond ring, given my wife by my lord her ffather. I give vnto my Lady Mentice, daughter to my brother S^r Nathaniell Bacon, the box with pearle, sealed vpp, with the name of my sister Waldegrauē vpon it. I give vnto the eldest daughter of my nephew Robert Bacon, sonne to my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, of Riborowe, my feather sett wth diamonds, being in the iron chest. I give vnto my neece Mrs. Jemimah Cletheroe, daughter to Mr. Henry Cletheroe, ffifty pounds. I give vnto Mr. Bacon Gawdy, my nephew, three hundred pounds, willing him to pay ffifty pounds of it to his sonne Francis Gawdy, soe soone as he hath received the money. I give vnto the widowe Susan Gawdy, my nephew Captaine Gawdyes widowe, who was slayne at Mاسترخت, ffifty pounds. To her daughter Susan, ffifty pounds, and to Bassingborne her sonne, ffifty pounds. I give vnto my brother, S^r Butts Bacon, Baronett, eleaven dozen and six buttons of gold that are sett vpon a sute that I weare. I give him alsoe five hundred pounds of money, and five hundred pounds worth of plate. I give him alsoe my achate with the picture of the butterfly in it, and the pendant hanging on it, the stonne found in Botesdale streete. I give him alsoe ffifteene clasps of gold like scallop-shells, which are in Arthur's keeping. I give him alsoe

the chayne it hangeth at. I give vnto my nephew Mr. Henry Bacon, sonne to my brother Sr Butts Bacon, one hundred pounds. I give vnto Mr. Payton Bacon, my nephew, sonne to my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, of Riborowe, twenty pounds. I give vnto my nephew Mr. Butts Bacon, sonne of my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, of Riborowe, one hundred pounds, and my great limbecke, in the laboratory. I give vnto my nephew Mr. Nicholas Bacon, of Gislingham, my little black stocked peece inlayed with silver, and my case of redd stocked pistolls, and my flaske to them, inlayed with silver. I give him alsoe my achate with Queene Elizabeth's picture in it, and the chaine of achate it hangs at of thirty beads. I give him alsoe my Iseland cornelian stonne sett in gold, with the antike figure in it. I give alsoe vnto him my meddall of the synode at Dort, which is in the hands of George Gardiner. I give him alsoe my chaine of beads with scrues. I give vnto my nephew Mr. William Brooke my guilt wrought sword and the girdle and hangers to it. I give vnto James Harvey my servant, and to his heires, all that my mesuage wth the apptñance, called Cotterells, in Botesdale, and one peece of land adjoineing to the same, sometimes Anthony Fales, and lately belonging to Mrs. Anne Butts, my grandmother. I give vnto Mr. Phillip Jacob, minister of Nether Rickingale, who in my ffather's tyme did often supply the place of a chaplyn vnto me, twenty pounds. I give vnto Captaine Bokenham my good friend, ten pounds, and my damaske sword, with the handle of perfect gold, with the girdle and hangers to it. I give vnto Mr. John Craddocke, minister of Barrowe, my great grinding-stonne of purfure with the muller to it, and the little grinding-stonne of purfere with the muller to it. I give him alsoe my two perspectives of Saint Marke, hanging in the chamber of my laboritary. I give vnto my servants and some others as followeth: I give vnto Mr. Coppyn, my chaplyn, one hundred pounds, and all the bookes he hath in his hands of mine. To George Gardiner, my clarke, I give two hundred pounds, and the best gelding of mine

he can choose. To John White, my steward, threescore pounds. To Bowser Gyles one hundred pounds. To Mrs. Anne Brampton, my servant, one hundred and fifty pounds. To Arthur Marsh I give one hundred and fifty pounds, and all my weareing apparrell not otherwise disposed of, and the linnen whatsoeu^r I vse to weare about my body. I give also vnto him the cuppord in my chamber. I give vnto Mr. Richard Hinsloe, the phesiçon, dwelling in Wortham, ten pounds besides whatsoeu^r is due to him for phisike for myselfe, my houshold, and others by my appointment. I give him alsoe my great herball, bound in leather, composed by Mr. John Parkinson, apothecary. To John Flood fourescore pounds. To Leonard Goodburne, my cooke, fforty pounds. To John Nelson, my coachman, ffourescore pounds. To Wiffm Tevis my brewer, thirty pounds. To James Harvey, my servant, ffortie pounds. To Thomas Mayor three-score pounds. To Henry Bond, my gardner, fourescore pounds. To Thomas Coppyn, my servant, threescore pounds. To Elizabeth, the wife of Arthur Marsh, fifty pounds. To John Lymber fforty pounds. To Anne Disney, ats Pett, thirty pounds. To goodwife Mayor, who helps in the dayrie, three pounds. To Edmund Steggell five pounds. To Edward Tollifer five pounds. To old John Tollifer of Rickingalle, tenne pounds. To Anne Bedwall, my servant, twenty pounds. To Thomas Tevis, who helps in the garden, ten pounds. To Robert Amys, the brick-burner, of Redgraue, ten pounds. To James Stearne, one of my butlers, twentie pounds. To William Trower twentie pounds. To Richard Eng twenty pounds. To Martyn Turner twentie pounds. To Nicholas Mulley, the boy in the stable, three pounds. To John Last, my warriner, thirty pounds. To William Padnall, my servant, ten pounds. To William Lunnis, my kitchen boy, three pounds. To Samuel Cooper, the bayliffe, ten pounds. To John Bond, the baker, five pounds. To Robert Worlidge, the husbandman, five pounds. To James Yonge, the husbandman, five pounds. To George Betts, my keeper, five pounds. To Edward

Bally, my servant, three pounds. I give towards the maintenance of the lecture vpon the markett day in the towne of Botesdale, three pounds and ten shillings a yeare, to be issuing out of my closes called Barker's field, in Botesdale, to be payd quarterly to the churchwardens of Botesdale for the time being, soe longe as the Protestant religion continueth that is now professed in the church of England. And of this my last will and testament, I make my execut^{rs}, my brother Robert Bacon, of Riborowe, and my nephew Robert Bacon, of Thornage, his sonne, and my cozen Mr. Francis Bacon of Ipswich, not doubting, out of the love that hath been betwixt us, but that they will pforme and execute what is in the same with what speed conveniently may be, there being money enough left to pay all the legacies given in money by this my last will; and my debts, legacies, and charges of my buriall being discharged, I give vnto my said execut^{rs}, Robert and Robert, all my goods, plate, jewells, moneys, houshold stuffe and personall estate not formly bequeathed; and to my cozen Mr. Francis Bacon I give one hundred pounds. And my will and meaning is, that I give it him to be an assistant to my other execut^{rs}, and that he meddle not with any pte of the estate; but if it shall fall out that my sayd cozen hath any charge about the businesse of my will, my will is that he be payd it by my two other execut^{rs}. And in wittnes that this is my last will and testam^t, I haue subscribed to euery leafe thereof and setto my seale, being in number nine. And hereby revokeing all former wills, I doe constitute and make this my last will and testam^t, and doe publish and declare the same this second day of October, anno Dñi 1648, annoq; regni regis Caroli nunc Angliæ, &c. vicesimo quarto, in the p^sence of Will. Morris, James Betts, Robert Pleasance. EDM. BACON.

Probat. apd London, 2 Maij, 1649.

[Lib. Ashton, pars I. f. 182.]

Mary Chapman, of Bury, widow.—1649.

In the name of God, Amen. I Mary Chapman, of Bury St. Ed's, in the countie of Suff., widowe, and relict of Thomas Chapman, grocer, deceased, being in disposinge memorie, doe make and ordeine this my last will and testament in manner following: Inpr̄is, I give vnto my daughter Mary Chapman, my posted settworke bedstead and liu^{er}y cupbord to it, together with a feather bed, a feather bolster, two pillowes, a greene rugg, a paire of vallence and curtaines, two blanketts, a chaire and two stooles, a little flockbedd and my best flocke bolster; alsoe one trundle bedstead and an halfe trundle bedstead, a cribb, a glascase, a leafe table, a forme, a great kettle, a great skillett and a little square table, a frying-pan; also a greene chaire and two stooles wrought; alsoe two fine towells and a course one; alsoe one long table cloath and a short table cloath, and a fine holland cupbord cloath; alsoe a fine paire and a course paire of sheets; also halfe a dozen plaine napkins; also three fine pillow beers; alsoe a long darnisle carpett, a little darnisle carpett and curtaine of the same; alsoe my watered grogerin gowne and watered grogerin petticoate with a silver lace; alsoe my coloured tawny gowne and rose-coloured tawny petticoate, a little truncke, a paire of cobjrons, fire-pan, and tonges with brasse heads, and my Byble. Item I give vnto my sonne Thomas Chapman my great caldron, alsoe a great flockbedd and a little flockebed, a blew rugg, and a blankett, an old kiverlett, a feather bolster, and my great truncke. Item I give vnto my sonne John a featherbed, a feather bolster, and a flocke bolster, a blew kiverlett and a blankett, a paire of mustard quearnes; also my muskett, rest, bandileers, sword and headpeece, my jacke, a fine paire of sheets, and a hutche. Item I give vnto my daughter Anna my greene bedstead, a paire of greene vallence and curtaines, a featherbedd, bolster, and two pillowes, a yellow rugg and two blanketts, a greene chaire and

four laced stooles; alsoe a trundle bedsted, a liu^y cupbord, a keepe, two wrought chaires, my two lesser kettles, my brasse pott, two little skilletts, a little round table, halfe a dozen diap napkins, a fine towell and two course ones, a fine paire of sheets and a course paire, two diap table cloaths, a short table cloath, and three course pillow beers. Item I give vnto my daughter Martha two wrought backchaires, my silver bodkyn, my blacke silke hood, my wrought wastcoate and wicker chaire. And my will is that all my pewter be equally divided by waight betweene foure of my children, viz^t. Mary, Thomas, John, and Anna. Item I give to my sister Fuller my silke gowne and my best crosscloath, handkerchiefe, and paire of foresleeues, which she shall chuse, to be deliu^d to her within one moneth after my decease. And I will that my beareing cloath should be for the vse of my said sister and my daughters Mary and Anna, each of them to haue it when they haue occasion to vse it, and she that last beare children to haue it for ever. I^m I give vnto my sonne Thomas and to his heires foreu^r, my mesuage or tenem^t in the great m^kett place in Bury, over against the Crosse, with the garden and all other thapptⁿce therevnto belonging, as the same is or lately was in the possession of William Carter, ironmonger, and Robert Docking, barber. And if it shall happen that my s^d sonne depart this life before his accomplishment of the age of one and twentie years, and dye without issue of his body lawfully begotten, that then the same mesuage with th'app^r-tⁿce to be sold by my executo^{rs} hereafter named and to be equally devided betwixt those of my children that doe survive; onely to my daughter Martha, I give but ffortie pounds out of it, she being well p^rvided for by her grandmother, and their se^all pts to be payd vnto them at their age of one and twentie yeares, or day of marriage, which shall first happen. And if it shall soe fall out that the sayd house be sold for the payment of their pte that comes first of age, my will is that the profits of the remaininge pte be imployed towards the maintenace of those who

shall not then be of age, till they shall receive their legacies as abovesaid. And my will is that the rent of the sayd mesuage be employed towards the maintenance of my children which my father or mother shall keepe. And my will is, that if any of my said children depart this life before his, her, or their accomplishment of the age of one and twentie yeares, or die without issue lawfully begotten, then the pte or ptes of houshold stuffe, linnen, and apparell aboue bequeathed, of him, her, or them soe deceasing, to be equally devided amongst my children that doe survive. And I doe nominate, constitute, and appoint my ffather John Francke, and my brother Charles Francke, executo^{rs} of this my last will and testament. And in case my ffather depart this life before my mother Mary Francke, then I will that my said mother should be executrix with my said brother. In wittnes whereof I have herevnto sett my hand and seale the xijth day of November, in the yeare of our Lord God 1649. The m^oke of Mary Chapman. Signed and sealed in the pñce of Frances Harrison, Edward Oxborough.

Probat. 17 Apr. 1650.

[Lib. Ashton, pars II. f. 309.]

Robert Bacon, of Redgrave, Esq.—1650.

In the name of God Amen. On the xxxth day of May, in the yeare of our Lord, accordinge to the computaçon of the Church of England, one thousand six hundred and ffiftie, I, Robert Bacon, of Redgraue, in the countie of Suff., Esq. being in good health and of sound and perfect memory, God be thanked therefore, yet considering the ffrailltie and incertaintie of this life, and being desirous to settle a course for payment of my debts, and provision for my wife, and my children yet vnprovided for, and for other good causes me therevnto moueing, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in maner following: First, I bequeath my soule into the hands of Jesus Christe my Redeemer, who soe

dearely hath bought it even with his most precious bloud, and doe hope by his mercies to receive everlasting happines, and my body I will to be buried at Redgraue aforesaid, and to be layd in the vault there wherein the body of Sr Nicholas Bacon, knight and baronett, my grandfather, was layd. And whereas I haue by ffyne and recovery, and by certaine indentures, caused divers manno^{rs}, lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts}, to be conveyed to Sr John Hobart, baronett, Sr Wiliam Doily, knight, my sonne-in-lawe George Reve, esq. George Gardiner, gent. and John Spendlowe, vpon trust for payment of my debts and legacies, as in the said indentures now fully appeareth, I doe hereby desire my said freinds soe trusted to se my debts payd and trust pformed, according as I haue directed the same to be done. And whereas by indenture quadrptite, beareing date the twentieth day of May, in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred and fiftie, made betweene Sr Robert Bacon, baronet, my father, and Phillip Bacon, my sister, of the first part; me the said Robert Bacon, on the second pte; Isaac Appleton, esq., my sonne Edmund Bacon, and Mrs. Elizabeth Craue, on the third pte; and the said Roger Reve, esq. on the fourth pte; and by fine accordingly levyed by me and my said ffather, to the said Isaac Appleton and his heires, the manno^{rs} of Thornage and Briston, with all the lands, tenements, meadowes, pastures, woods, and hereditaments to the said manno^{rs}, or either of them, belonging, or in any wise appteyninge, with their and every of their rights, members, and appurtenances, and all other the lands, tenem^{ts}, meadows, pastures, woods, and hereditam^{ts} of me or my said ffather, scituate, lyeing, and being in Thornage, Briston, Brimingham, Sharpington, and Letheringsett, or in any of them, with thapp^rten^{an}ce; except the lands in Briston, Brinton, and Brimingham aforesaid, then formly conveyed to the vse of me the said Robert Bacon and my heires; and except eight acres of land in Thornage, in the occupa^{co}n of Richard Cleve, are conveyed and limited to the jmediate vse and behoofe of my selfe for my life, and after my decease for and touchinge all

such and soe much of the said manno^r, lands, and pmisses as I the said Robert Bacon should by any wryting or wrytings vnder my hand and seale, or by my last will in wryting, lymmitt or appoint for joynture or estate of Catherine my wife, or any other wife or wiues which I should after happen to marry, to the vse and behoof of the said Catherine or such other wife or wiues, for and dureing the terme of theire seu^oall and respective life or lives, or other terme, and in such manner and forme and with such condiçons and limitaçons as by such wryting or wrytings, or last will, as aforesaid, should be limited and appointed, as in the said indenture quadrapertite fully appeareth. Now by virtue and in psuance of the intent and meaning of the said indenture, and the said power therein to me as afore limited, and out of my especial loue and affecçon vnto the said Catherine my now wife, and for her better livelyhood and maintenance and increase of her joynture, and that she may be more able to educate my children as she shall think fitt, I doe by this my last will in wrytinge will, limitt, and appoint, all the said manno^{rs}, lands, ten^{ts}, hereditaments, and pmisses, (except as is before excepted,) shall imediately from and after my decease goe remaine, and be by force and virtue of the said indenture and ffyne, vnto the said Katherine my beloued wife, for and dureing her widowhood, and that the said ffyne be and inure accordingly. Item, I give vnto my wife two thousand pounds, to be payd by my said ffeoffees or trustees of my estate within a yeare after my death, that if she please she may give it to my daughter Anne, if she shall marry to her likeinge. And I give vnto my wife all my houshold stuffe at Thornage, with my stocke and goods there, soe that within a moneth after my death she enter bond to my trustees of my estate to leaue the stocke at her death to my sonne Edmund soe good in value as she shall find the same at my death. And if she shall refuse to enter such bond, then my said bequest to her of the stocke shalbe voyd. And my desire is that she shall not entermarry with any, but live singly, soe that she may be better able to provide for my children, which

I leaue to her care. And if she shall marry with any, then my will is that she shall not haue the said houshold stuffe, stocke, or goods bequeathed to her as aforsaid any longer then vntill her day of marriage, nor shall haue that increase of joynture and estate in Thornage which I haue heretofore given to her longer then she shall live and continue a widowe without marrying of her selfe after my death to any other pson whatsoeu^r. Item I give vnto my two daughters Jemima and Frances seu^rally, to either of them two thousand pounds of currant money of England, to be payd to them within one halfe yeare after my death, if I shall live vntill they atteyne the age of eightene yeares or more. And if it shall happen that I shall dye before that time, then my will is that their said porçons shalbe payd at their ages of eightene yeares respectively. And my will is the feoffees in trust which I haue made for the paying of my debts and legacies, by the sale or profitts of those lands and goods which I haue intrusted them with, shall rayse and pay the said porçons, and employ them after the raising thereof vnto the vse of my said two daughters respectively, vntill they come to their ages of eightene yeares old, and shall allowe to my said daughters but after the rate of six pounds in the hundred pounds for the interest or profit of their said porçons after the raising of them. And my desire is that my wife should haue the bringing of them vp vntill their seu^rall ages of eightene yeares, if it shall please God to give my wife life soe long, and that they shall either of them haue payd by my said friends trusted, to my said wife soe longe as they shall be vnder her educaçon, thirty pounds for their cloathes, educaçon, and dyett yearly, and every yeare, soe long as they shalbe vnder the age of eightene yeares aforsaid. and vntill they shall receive profit of their said porçons; the said thirtie pounds to be payd halfe yearly by equall porçons. And if my said daughters Jemima and Frances, or either of them, happen to dye before the age of eightene yeares and marriage, then my will is that the porçon of her soe dyeing shall cease and be voyd, and the moneys raised or

to be raised for the same, shalbe imployed for the performance of the trust reposed for the payment of my debts. Item I give to my said ffather Sr Robert Bacon my browne colt, that one of his servants hath now to bring to a pace. Item I give to my sonne Edmund his wife fiftie pounds, to buy her a jewell withall. Item I give vnto my sonne Edmund Bacon all my plate, brasse, pewter, linnen, woollen, bedding, hangings, wood worke, houshold stuffe, and furniture, at the house at Redgraue aforesaid, with all my rideing horses, hawkes, and doggs, and their furniture. My coach and coach horses I give vnto my wife. Item I give vnto my said sonne-in-lawe Mr. George Reve ten pounds, and to my daughter his wife twentie pounds to buy a ring or jewell withall. Item I give to either of my sisters ten pounds a peece to buy them jewells withall, to be payd to them within one yeare after my death. Item I give vnto my brother Paxton Bacon twenty pounds, to be payd within three yeares after my death to him, or to whom he shall appoint it. Item I give vnto my servant John Youngman twenty pounds, to be payd him within one yeare after my death. Item I give vnto Mr. Foster, minister of God's word, of Redgraue, fforty shillings, to buy him a ring withall. Item I give vnto Christopher Seaman, minister of God's worde at Little Snoreing, ffortie shillings, to buy a ring withall. Item I give vnto my cousin Mr. Richard Newton, of great Snorrige, twenty pounds, to be payd within one yeare after my death. Item my mynd is that Thomas Norton, my groome, shall haue fiftie pounds payd to him within one yeare after my death, if he shalbe then living; and that my brother Butts Bacon, whom I haue intrusted with the estate of the house or cottage in which the said Norton now liveth, shall surrender the said house and cottage to the vse of the said Norton and his wife, and the longer liver of them, for terme of their lives and after to my heires. I meane the house onely and the yard. Iſm I give vnto my servant John Spendlowe twenty pounds, to be payd to him two yeares after my death. Iſm I give vnto Thomas Ringer, my servant, ten pounds,

to be payd within three yeares after my death. Item, I give vnto John Hargraue my servant, ffive pounds, to be payd within one yeare after my death. Item, I give vnto William Clarke my servant ffive pounds, to be payd within one yeare after my death. Item, I give vnto the poore of Redgraue and Botesdale twentie pounds. And to the poore of Thornidge ffive pounds. Item, I give vnto my true friend Sr John Tracy, of Stifkey, twenty pounds. The rest and residue of all my goods and personall estate whatsoever⁹ in this my will not before given or disposed of, I doe will vnto my executo^{rs} towards the paym^t of my debts and legacies aforesaid. And I doe ordaine and make my sayd beloued wife, my sonne Edmund, my said sonne in lawe George Reve, and the said George Gardiner, my executo^{rs} of this my will, desireing them to see the same performed. In wittnes whereof I haue to this my last will, conteyned in six sheets of paper, subscribed my name and putte my seale the day and yeare first aboue written, Robert Bacon. Subscribed, sealed, and published by the said Robert Bacon, to be his last will and testament, in the p^sence of Fra. Bacon, Fr. Bacon, Jo. Barker.

Proved in London, 30 Sept. 1652.

[Liber Ashton, pars II. 555, et seq.]

NOTES.

P. 1, l. 12. *j. portiforium.* A book containiog the antiphonal service, sometimes accompanied by musical netes. In 1396 Robert Stabeler, priest, bequeathed "magnum portiforium notatum, excepto tamen qued diebus dominicis et alijs diebus festivis predictum portiforium ponatur in choro ad deserviendum ibidem." [Lib. Osborne, f. 66.] In 1399 Galfridus Glemesford "assignat pro j portiphorio de novo faciendo in cancellis ecclesiæ sancti Jacobi Apostoli, x. marcas, sub condicione quod portiphorium secundarium ibidem ad presens existens deibi amoveatur et ponatur coram altari Sancti Jehannis Baptiste ad perpetuum usum ejusdem altaris." [Ibid. f. 95.] In 1503 Christopher Sekker, priest, bequeathed to "William Breggs, that gooth to scole with me, myn portøese and all my gramer bokys, yf so be he be a preest." [Lib. Pye, f. 124.] And in 1509 syr William Taylour, priest, bequeathed his "whyte pertes coueryd with white ledyr to the chapell in the college [at Bury St. Edmund's], ther to be cheynynd in the same, and to centynue." [Lib. Mason, f. 9.]

— 1. 18. *Forsariis.* Percers or caskets; French *forcier*.

P. 2, l. 5. *Ecclesiasticæ sepulture.* What is now understood by the phrase "christian burial," in which form it occurs in the will of Cecilia wife of John Coolyn, 1427. The addition, in some instances, of the words "in cancellis" has led anthers to consider it to refer to the "holy sepulchre" in which the host was reserved from Good Friday to Easter; and Sir John Cullum [Hist. Hawsted, 2d edit. p. 16.] quoting from the will of "John Meryell, of Hausted, 1480," the direction to be buried "in the holy sepulchre that is in the cherch yerd of Hausted," remarks, in a note, on the extraordinary position of "the holy sepulchre" in that parish. The passage, however, was not extracted with due care. The will has no reference to Hawsted, but *Stansted*, and the direction is that his body is to be buried "in the holy sepulture, that is, in the cherche yeerd of Stansted;" and is a literal translation of the common latin form. The will of John Sergeaunth, chaundler, of Bury, 1496, expressly says "in the holy sepulture of the cherche yeerd of Seynt Marie."

— 1. 13. *Gilde de dazze.* A leaden token in the possession of the Rev. H. Hasted, Bury St. Edmund's, bears on the obverse a mitred head and the legend SIGNVM GILDE

SCI NICHOL, and on the reverse the letter T between S and N of a smaller size, with the legend CONGREGACIO DVSSSE. We learn from the will of John Baret (p. 35) that this was "the gild of the Translation of St. Nicholas othirwyse callyd Dugilde;" and from that of John Coote (p. 92) that it was holden in the college at Bury. It was governed by a prior (p. 26), had many chaplains, and many distinguished brethren. The meaning of the word *dvs*—variously written *dus*, *dusze*, *dvsse*, and *doosse*—is not clear. It has been suggested that it may refer to a council of twelve forming its governing body,—the *douze* gild; and by others, as there were two gilds in the town in honour of the same saint,—the patron of merchants and travellers,—it might have been the distinctive mark of the gild of foreign or travelling merchants, hawkers or pedlars, who were commonly known by the name of "Dusty Foot," *pie poudreux*, and for whose relief the court of *pie poudre* was erected. The circumstance of the gild being held in the college of priests called Jesus College, again, has induced the belief that it is a vulgar adoption of the word *Deus*. Can this be the "sacerdot' fraternitatis sancti Nicholai" mentioned in the will of lady Ela Shardelowe (p. 13), incorporated as a college of priests at the beginning of the 16th century? St. Nicholas was a favourite saint with the people of Bury. To his honour there was a hospital, and two gilds; and on the pulling down of some priests' stalls on the site of the chapel in St. Mary's church, in which one of the gilds used to worship, a variety of leaden tokens having reference to the saint were found. See Tymms's History of St. Mary's Church, pp. 62—67.

P. 2, l. 20. *Gybwico*. Ipswich.

P. 3, l. 13. *Funon*. The maniple. See Way's Prompt. Parv. 149. *

— l. 14. *Corporale*. See Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 93.

— l. 15. *Murru*. Mazer, a wood of mottled grain much in favour for making drinking cups. On this subject see notes to the memoir on archbishop Scrope's Indulgence cup, in the Transactions of the Archaeological Institute at their York Meeting, and notes to Promptorium Parvulorum, p. 328.

— l. 21. *j. mappam, j. manutergium*. Mappam, table cloth, sometimes written *nappa*, French *nappe*, whence *napry*, used in p. 25, and napkin. *Manutergium*, hand napkins.

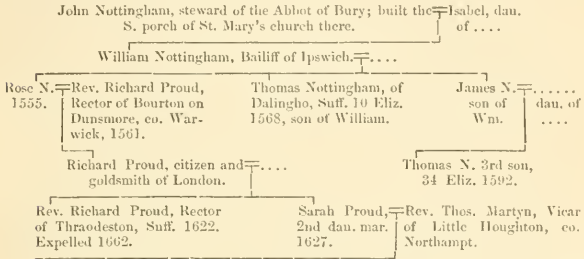
— l. 22. *Celour cum iij redels*. A canopy with three curtains. See p. 136. The "selour" of an altar occurs in p. 40; and the will of Robert Thurston, of Mekyll Waldyngfield, 1494 [Lib. Bonor, f. 23], directs his executors to "provyde and ordeyn a clenly seler for to be born onyr the Sacrament on Palme Sonday and on Corpus Xpi's day." *Ridel*, from the Fr. *rideau*, is a small curtain.

— l. 22. *Camelini*. Camlet, a stuff originally made of camel's hair.

— l. 29. *De panno blod pro toga, etc.* "vj quissinos de blod sagone" occurs in p. 13; a "sangweyn" gown, p. 98; and a "sangweyn" sheath, p. 40. It is sometimes latinized into "blodium."

P. 5, l. 25. *Johannes Notyngham*. The very beautiful porch on the north side of St. Mary's church, Bury St. Edmund's, known as the Notyngham porch, bears this inscription

over the doorway: "Orate pro animabus Johannis Notyngham et Isabelle uxoris sue." In the memoirs of the Professors Martyn, of Cambridge, this wealthy and pious grocer is said to have been steward of the abbot of Bury; but the statement requires confirmation, as does the alleged claim of the Martyn family to be his representatives, derived in the following pedigree, obligingly communicated by D. E. Davy, esq. of Ufford.



From whom descended Rev. John and Thomas Martyn, Professors of Botany at Camb.

John Notyngham would appear from his will to have died without male issue, as he makes mention only of a daughter and her two children, Isabella and John Jerveys. William Nottingham, who successively filled the offices of portman, bailiff, claviger, and justice of Ipswich in the time of Henry the Eighth, was most probably the son of John Nottingham of Bury (whose will, dated 24 Aug. 1503, and proved 13 Jan. following, is preserved in Liber Pye, f. 142) and his wife Rose, daughter of Thomas and Agnes Dunne; the following children being enumerated therein: 1. William, eldest son; 2. Robert; 3. Agnes; 4. Margaret.

P. 6, l. 5. *Seyntemarypriest*. The priest who officiated at the altar of St. Mary. In the will of Johanna, relict of sir Roger Drury, 1446 [Lib. Hawlee, f. 19], he is mentioned as "capellano vulgariter nuncupato seyntmaripriest."

P. 8, l. 2. *Seynt Robert*. See also p. 9, l. 14. It is alleged that the Jews of Bury St. Edmund's crucified a child, named Robert, on the Good Friday of 1181, in contempt and derision of the sufferings of the Saviour. The monks caused the body to be interred in the monastery with great ceremony and ostentation, and his shrine speedily became renowned for the miracles said to be there effected. Jocelin of Brakelond wrote a book of these miracles. A guild in his honour existed in the town. Isabella Teryngtone, widow, by will 10 Oct. 1468, bequeathed "ad sustentacionem gilde sancti Roberti in Bury, xijd.

— l. 9. *Ratunroove*. A raton in East-Anglian dialect was either a weasel or a water-rat. [Prompt. Parv.] Ratun or raton, *rato*, *sorex*. (*Sorex* est mus aquaticus, a ratte. *Ortus Vocabulorum*.) Sir John Mandeville says of the Tartars, "Alle maner of

wylde beestes they eten, houndes, cattes, ratouns," &c. Ratun-rowe may have been a street infested with such "wylde beestes," either very near a stream, or a butchery, or sewer—whereby they abound. It must be remembered, however, that there was a woollen stuff called *rateen*, but perhaps not made so early as the 15th century; that Bury was a great cloth mart; and that its streets were usually named after the trade principally carried on in them. Thus we had "Hatter Street," "Glover's Street," "Skyenner Rowe," "Lyndraper Rowe," "Spyeer's Row," &c. &c.

P. 8, l. 14. *Lic*, legitime; and l. 16, *Liam*, legitimam.

— l. 28. *Elēm*, eligibilem.

P. 9, l. 1. *Teyuen*. The Tay fen. A place so called in Bury St. Edmund's, on the bounds of Fornham, indicates the site of the old fen.

— l. 29. *Et di. garnisch peuter vessell*. Half a service of pewter. The garnish, according to Harrison, who wrote his Deser. of England about 1580, "usuallie dooth contene 12 platters, 12 dishes, 12 saucers;" and he adds, "in some places beyond the sea, a garnish of good flat English pewter, of an ordinarie making, is esteemed almost so pretious as the like number of vessels that are made of fine siluer." The garnish was the suite or service, and varied according to the rank of the party, as in modern times. The garnish of sir Thomas Kytson, contemporary with Harrison, consisted of "three dozen of platters and dishes, and one dozen of saucers, every six dishes and platters varying in size." [Hist. Hengrave, 195.] See Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 187.

P. 10, l. 4. *Par cultellorum quorum manubria sunt de cornu vnicornij*. Raine [Hist. North Durham, i. 164] says that it was the tooth of the monodon, or sea unicorn, which was imposed upon the world as the horn of the unicorn, and was sold at an extravagant price, as a supposed preservative against poison. In 1531, Thomas Mosse bequeathed two cushions to St. James's church, Bury, "w^t the pyghtur of y^e unicorn." [Lib. Holland, f. 3.] This was the favourite medieval fable of the capture of the unicorn, attracted by the fascination of a virgin, so often portrayed in ancient works of art. See, for example, Carter's Painting and Sculpture, pl. 113.

P. 11. *Robert Bishop of Emly*. In Wharton's list of the Chorepiscopi Diocesis Norwicensis, occurs "Robertus Ep's Imelicensis, 1424;" and a subsequent entry has "Imelacensis, Cassel," i. e. bp. of Emly in the province of Cashel in Ireland. In Ware's list of the Bishops of Emly are three bishops named Robert, if indeed they are all different persons, at this period. 1. Robert Windel, Franciscan friar, appointed by the pope 1423, but never consecrated. Then follows the name of Thomas Burgh. 2. Robert Portland, Franciscan friar, 1429, but not consecrated. The name of Thomas occurs again as succeeding in 1431; and then follows 3. Robert of England, also a Franciscan friar, appointed by the pope on Thomas's death, 1444, but rejected, or appointed bishop of Tiberias, in Galilee. The Robert whose will we print died titular bishop of Emly in 1441.

P. 12, l. 8. *Arnilausa seu collobium*. Probably a garment partaking of the character of a cloak and a sleeved tunic.

P. 12, l. 8. *Vnum pannum depictum cum historia Roberti Regis Cesilie.* The patron of Petrarch, who died in 1343. Can the story have any reference to the wasting away of his flesh, which he witnessed for some time before his death (Vit. Petrarc. lib. v. epist. i. 639, and lib. vi. epist. v.), and so be connected with the history of those wasted figures which are frequently met with on sepulchral memorials?

— 1. 11. *Donge.* A mattress. Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 127.

— 1. 12. *j. pruce hutsche.* In John Baret's will (p. 23), occurs this item: "And as for the *prews* coffre alwey I wille remayne to my hefd place, and iij. of the fotydy stolyys therto." "A *prewe* cofer" is mentioned in the will of Wm. Bevill, of Chesterton, Hunts. dated 1487 [Nicolas's Test. Vet. 781]; and in the will of Johan Warde, of Glemsford, widow, 1520 [Lib. Johnson, f. 78], occurs "my *presse* and myn *hutsche* on the soler." It appears to signify a chest or coffer of foreign construction, imported probably by way of the Baltic, from Prussia.

— 1. 21. *Et j. le frende pellure.* Foreign fur. See Way's Prompt. Parv. v. Fremyd, or Strawnge.

P. 13, l. 1. *Lady Ela Shardelowe.* An account of this knightly family may be seen in Gage's Hist. Thingoe, p. 59. The lady Ela's gravestone, stripped of its brasses, remains in the south chancel aisle of St. Mary's church, Bury St. Edmund's. In Weever's Funeral Monuments the name is erroneously printed "*Shantlow.*"

— 1. 9. *Manile aureum cum figura cervi impressa.* The badge of Richard II. John Baret mentions (p. 35), his "hest herte of gold with aungellys," the supporters of that prince. It was a very favourite ornament with the inhabitants of Bury (vide Index), probably from the visit of that prince to their abbey in 1383, and the authority exercised by Michael de la Pole, earl of Suffolk, his favourite.

— 1. 17. *Ad fabricam novi campanilis man' de Bury.* See Archæologia, vol. xxiii. 329.

— 1. 27. *Togam meam penulatam cum cropps de grey.* Trimmed with the fur from the cropps, or stomachs, of the grey, or badger. Way's Prompt. Parv. 104, 209.

P. 14, l. 7. *Capicium meum penulatum cum letusez.* Chequered or paned with lattice work, commonly called lettuces. "Red lattice" and "red lettuce" are terms frequently used by antient writers to signify an alehouse, in allusion to the chequered table generally painted on the outside.

— 1. 15. *John Baret.* Nothing further is known of this pious and liberal church decorator, beyond what may be gathered from his will, than that he was the son of Geoffrey Baret, or Baret, of Cratfield in Suffolk, and Bury, who died in 1416, [Will in Lib. Osborne, f. 142.] leaving considerable property in Bury to his two sons, William and John. John appears to have filled some office under the abbots of Bury; probably that of *camerarius*, or *thesaurarius*, as the tradition that he resided in the since demolished house called the Exchequer, or Audit house, is confirmed by entries in the contemporary list of Hadgovel tenants, dated 1433, [Harl. MSS. 58, f. 25.] and in the rental of the Sacrist of the monastery for the year 1533. It is probable that he received the right of wearing the

collar of SS., referred to in p. 41 as "my colers of silver of the king's livery," on the occasion of Henry the VIth's visit to St. Edmundsbury in 1433, when that sovereign passed some months between the abbot's palaces at Bury and Elmswell; in which latter house Baret had a chamber (p. 33.) By marriage he was allied to the knightly families of Drury and Clopton; his wife, described as Elizabeth Drury, being probably a daughter of sir Roger Drury, kt. who removed from Thurston to Rougham, and died in 1400. Dying without issue, Baret bequeathed his property to his nephews and to pious uses; and directed his body to be buried under a tomb which he had prepared in his lifetime, and which still remains, in St. Mary's church, Bury St. Edmund's. It is an altar or high tomb, with a cornice of Purbeck marble, surmounted by a recumbent figure in stone of a corpse in a winding sheet, which is laid open to exhibit the havec which death has made upon the body. On the "selure" around the head are these words *Ego nūc in pulvere dormio*; and under the head and along the side of the body a large scroll inscribed in red letters with blue initials: *D'ne secundū actū meū noli me judicare. Nihil dignū ī conspectu tuo feci. Ideo deprecor magestatē tuā ut tu deus deleas īiquitatē meam.* John Baret.

On the end of the stone on which the figure is recumbent are these verses, in blue letters with red initials:

Ion	Ho that wil sadly beholde me with his ie May se hys owyn mieroŵr ā lerne for to die.	Baret.
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And underneath, on the pedestal, these verses:

Wrappid in a selure as a ful rewli wrecche
 No mor of al myn good to me ward wil strecche
 From erthe I kam, and on to erthe I am browht;
 This js my natur, for of erthe I was wrowht;
 Thus erthe on to erthe to gedir now is knet,
 So endeth each creature Q'd John Baret.
 Qwerfor 3e pepil in weye of charite
 Wt 3o^r good p^ayeris I prey 3u help me,
 For lych as I am right so schal 3e all be,
 Now God on my sowle haue m'cy & pite. Amen.

The north front of this tomb is divided into seven square panels; the first and seventh of which contain, within a quatrefoiled lozenge, the monogram of the deceased, a j placed transversely through a b. The colour of the j is blue, and that of the b is red. The second and sixth panels have a shield within a quatrefoil. The shield appears to have formerly had the arms thereon in brass, as the rivets remain. Within a quatrefoiled lozenge in the third panel, is a scroll with the word *Grace* in blue letters with red initial; and within a quatrefoil in the fourth or centre panel is the figure of a man in the costume of the period,—long furred gown, hood, &c. and decorated with the collar of SS.; with both hands he holds before him a scroll inscribed *me* in blue letters.





This figure was probably designed for a portraiture of John Baret himself. The fifth panel resembles the third, the word on the scroll being *gou'ne*; thus finishing the motto or "reason" of the deceased, "Grace me Govern."

The east end of the tomb has three panels; the centre adorned with a very beautiful glorified *Agnus Dei*, within a scroll disposed as a quatrefoil, and bearing these words, alternately blue and red:

Deus propitius esto michi peccatori.

To the east of this monument, against the south wall, is a fine piscina, under a deeply recessed cinquefoil canopy; the back of which is adorned with collars of SS. inclosing the monogram J.B.

The roof of this chantry, splendidly adorned with panels of foliage, &c. is still in excellent preservation. The colours are well preserved, and the whole forms a most interesting remnant of church decoration.

The timber roof is divided into six panels; in each of which are the monogram and collar of SS. as shown in the opposite engraving, and the motto, *Grace me Gouverne*, in large characters, disposed diagonally from N.W. to S.E. the initial G. being of gold. At the intersections of the panel architraves are bosses with the arms of Baret: Argent, a bend sable, between three square buckles gules;* and at each corner of the foliated border within the panel was a tinsel star nailed on to the wood-work.

On the eastern face of the north-western principal of the roof are these words:

In D'no gaudebit aia mea;

and on the western face of the north-eastern principal:

Laudens D'n'm Glorioso.

On the front of the north-western principal:

Quæ sursum sunt quaerite.

Over the arch separating the nave aisle from the choir aisle:

Orate pro anima Johan'is Baret.

the initials of which are very rich.

* The same arms, the buckles being lozengy instead of square, are to be seen on the monument, in St. Helen's, Norwich, of Thomas son of Christopher Baret, of Yarmouth, gent. 1721. This family was of Horstead. See Blomefield's Norfolk, iv. 378.

Over the south window :

Alleluia. Soli Deo Honor et Gloria.

and over the nave arch,

Nos cum prole pia benedicat Virgo Maria. Amen.

The spandrils of the arch are powdered with collars of SS. inclosing the monogram J.B.

That portion of the roof of the nave which is in line with the roof of this chapel, and "overshadowed the rood," appears to have been decorated and painted by John Baret. On the west face of the curved brace under the hammer beam, on the north side, is

God me Gide.

and on the corresponding curved brace on the south side

Grace me Gouverne.

P. 15, l. 10. *Percloos*. Perclose, a screen, inclosing part of a church for a chantry chapel, or for other purposes. The subjoined cut is believed to represent one of the carved panels of the perclose to Baret's chantry. It was lately discovered among some rubbish in a painter's workshop in Bury St. Edmund's.



— l. 11. *Candilbeem*. The rood-loft or rood-beam was so called from the great candles, set on high candlesticks, placed on each side the rood or cross. Much emulation was shewn by the faithful in supplying these high candlesticks. John Busshe, of Bury, mason, by will dated 24 Aug. 1508 [Lib. Pye, f. 204], directed his executors to "make a tappeer of wex of halfe a pounde, and sett it on his doble candelstyk of latn, and that to stonde as the highest in Seynt Mary chirche." In 1517 John Rawlyns, tailor, of Bury [Lib. Hood, f. 94], bequeathed xx li. of wex to brenn vpon the rode loft before the crucifixe as long as it will indur, in the bonor of God and owr lady and good seynts;" and in 1536 John Hawkyn, hardwareman, of Bury [Lib. Holland, f. 40], directed "a tapyr of j lb. waxe to brenne on the rode loft, as they vse the lights ther, the space of ten yers." The candle-beam was not confined to the sacred edifice. Agnes Ridges, of Bury, widow, 1492 [Lib. Pye, f. 39], mentions "my candylbeme that hangyth in my hall w^t vj bellys of laton standing thereon."

P. 15, l. 14. *Graue*. The raised tomb of the testator is invariably called a *grau*e in this will.

— 1. 24. *Powder box of silver*. Probably for perfumed powder, which was much used for clothes; or, a easter, like a modern pepper-box, for powdering, or seasoning meat.

— 1. 22. *Halpenye of gold*. The half of a rial, or a piece of gold that passed for 5*s*. was so called. The fourth part of the rial was called a rial-farthing, as appears by an indenture of the Mint, dated 1 Hen. VI. "A ferthing of gold" occurs in line 24. A "penny of gold" was struck in Henry III.'s reign, which weighed two, but was worth twenty, silver pennies. Only one or two specimens are known. The word "halfpence" appears in a remarkable way in the will of Thomas Balkey, otherwise called Thomas Teryngton, butcher, of Bury, in 1497; he directed his executors "to kyll iiiij. bullocks at my vijth day, and do them smyte in peeces better than halfpens; and every pore body, as ferre as it wyll stretehe, have a peece of the same fleshe, and an halpeny whete loff and a fagott." [Lib. Pye, f. 54.] His intention seems to have been that each poor person should have meat to the value of at least one halfpenny: but the phrase grew to be used to describe any minute division, as in Shakspeare's "Much Ado about Nothing," Act ii. sc. 3, we find the Governor of Messina exclaiming, "O! she tore the letter into a thousand halfpence!"

— 1. 30. *A peyre of smale bedys of jet*. In the will of Robert Fysher, 1478, occurs "j. payr bedys le geet vocat' langet cum divers' iocal' dependent." [Lib. Hawlee, f. 251.] Beads of jet were regarded as gifted with extraordinary virtue; and to this relief Bp. Bale appears to make allusion, Kynge Johan, p. 39.

"Blessynges with black bedes wyll helpe in every evyll."

P. 16, l. 11. *Mystill*. Beads of different materials; from A.S. *mistl*, various or different. Twenty comb of "mestelyn" occurs in the will of Robert Stanton, of Bury, 1499. [Lib. Pye, f. 86]; and "an aere of mastelyn," in that of Edward Colbye of Cotton, 1538. [Lib. Poope, f. 172.] "Meslin" bread, made with equal quantities of wheat and rye, was common, says Forby, in Suffolk, 50 years ago. A kind of metal was also called mastlin or mestling. Ang.-Sax. *mæstlenn*, brass. In an inventory taken at Wolverhampton in 1541, occur two great candlesticks of mastlin, weighing 120 lbs. (Shaw's Staffordshire, ii. 160.)

— 1. 18. *Jemewys of green*. In p. 37 the testator mentions his "ij. bagges, the jemews and the rynges of syluir." The will of Thomas Trewynard, of Bury, priest, 1492 [Lib. Pye, f. 13], bequeaths a "purpyll eorse" girdle, "with a lytell gemewe of goold." The *gemews*, it will be perceived, were the metal fastenings. Forby has "Gimmers, small hinges, as those of a box or cabinet, &c." in which sense Chaucer uses *gimmers*. Fr. *gemeau*. See Way's Prompt. Parv. 194, note.

— 1. 33. *Chaventours*. Choristers.

— 1. 34. *Colet*. Acolite, an ecclesiastical officer next in rank below the sub-deacon.

P. 17, l. 5. *Nobill*. The year following the date of this will, 1464, the value of the noble was declared to be 8*s*. 4*d*.; and in 1465 raised to 10*s*.

P. 17, l. 6. *I will no comown dole haue.* That is, he would have no indiscriminate distribution of alms, as was too often the case on these occasions, when the poor, who attended in large numbers, scrambled for small pieces of money or loaves of bread.

— l. 18. *Oure ladyes fyve joyes.* The five joyful mysteries were, the Annunciation, the Visitation of Elizabeth, the Nativity, the Purification, and the Finding of the infant Jesus in the midst of the Doctors in the temple.

— l. 19. *Ouener.* Owner.

— Ibid. *That leuyt.* That is left; A.S. *leue*, to leave. "Half the wood that leuyth" occurs in p. 101.

— l. 22. *Bellemen.* Bellmen went round the town to call upon the inhabitants to pray for the soul of the departed, that they who heard the name might say, "God have mercy on his soul," p. 21. In p. 28 the testator requires them "to go yeerly abowte the town at his yeerday, for his soule and for his faderis and his modrys." In 1510 Jone Mason, of Bury, widow, [Lib. Mason, f. 1,] directed "the hellemman to go abowte the paryssh" at her anniversary and earth-tide, "to pray and rehearse the sowles" of all the persons she recited. John Coote (p. 92) "will neyther ryngyn nor helman goynge," but his almsgivings and dinners on his thirty-day "to be don in secrete manner."

— l. 30. *A messe of prikked song.* A mass sung from pricked or written musical notes. A "messe be note" occurs in the following page.

— l. 31. *At vij of ye klokke be the morwe.* Morrow was the old English word for morning. The priest who said early mass was called the Morrow-mass priest.

P. 18, l. 1. *Whith vestement.* The colour for the altar at all the festivals of the Virgin Mary, according to the ritual of the church of Rome, is white: the vestments of the priest take the colour of the altar. The complete suit is comprehended in the word "vestment."

— l. 3. *My reson.* Motto. Fosbroke, on the authority of Gough, erroneously calls the scroll on which the motto was inscribed the "reason."

— l. 4. *Vestement made of white busteyn.* Busteyn, bustiam or bustian, a kind of tissue, the same, says Jamieson [Suppt. Scott. Diet.] as fustian. In Ayrshire binstine still signifies fustian.

— l. 11. *Edmond Tabour.* See also p. 38. The cause of the testator's anxiety to have the soul of Edmond Tabour specially prayed for appears in p. 41.

P. 19, l. 1. *Her ferme.* Their rent; old French.

— l. 4. *jnaw.* Enow or enough, still generally so pronounced in the East Anglian district.

— l. 11. *The bulle and the busshoppees seelys.* i. e. papal and episcopal indulgences.

— Ibid. *Loker of burde.* A box or closet of wood to prevent injury to the seals.

— l. 15. *Reredos and table.* Reredos or screen at the back of the altar, in the centre of which was the triptych or folding picture, of a centre and two leaves. The "story of Magnificat" was probably painted on the centre compartment, or the table, and the "ballads" or rhymes, and the record of the pious deeds of the donor, on either leaf or

lowkys (Ang. Sax. *loc*); so that they might be read whenever the triptych was opened, which was done on all festivals.

P. 19, l. 25. *Hovel*. A canopy or niche. The word "housing" in p. 20, l. 4, is another name for a niche, from *housse*, a cover or case.

— 1. 27. *Candylstykke of laten*. A hard mixed metal much resembling brass, the precise composition of which is, it is believed, unknown. It was most extensively used. In the will of Margare Veere, of Eye, 1540, "white laten" and "redd laten" occur [Lib. Poope. f. 276], and "counterfeit laten" is mentioned in p. 23.

P. 20, l. 6. *ij woytez above my grave*. Probably waits, who used horns or trumpets. The angels with musical instruments in the cove of the roof over his tomb.

— 1. 15. *Hous with the ij tunnyys of chemenegis*. The passage of the chimney was called a tunnel till the beginning of the present century, and the chimney shaft is still called a tun in some parts of the west of England. Clustered chimney shafts were introduced about the date of this will.

— 1. 16. *Hefid place*. A principal residence, what is now understood as "a capital mansion"; Ang. Sax. *hafid*, head. In the will of Agnes Lark, widow, of Bury, 1503, mention is made of the alienation of a tenement from "the heed place" [Lib. Pye, f. 164]; and John Basse, draper, in his will, 1506, alludes to his "hedhowse" [Ibid. f. 176].

— 1. 20. *Gresys*. The plural of *gre*, a step. Stairs are still called in Norfolk *grissens*. Hence the Grecian Stairs mounting the hill at Lincoln: see a Memoir by Rev. F. Massingberd in the Trans. Archæol. Inst. at the Lincoln meeting.

— 1. 27. A house bearing the sign of the Falcon, a badge of the House of York. Another badge of this royal house is described in p. 37, "a litil fetirlok of gold, with a lace of perle and soial bedys therto of blak." Camden (in his Remaines) states that Edward the IVth bore the fetterlock open with a falcon within it, to show that he had obtained the crown: his great-grandfather having borne a falcon in a fetterlock shut, to indicate that he was locked up from the crown; but see this story examined by Mr. J. G. Nichols, in the Gentleman's Magazine, 1842, vol. xvii. p. 379; where it is shewn that the falcon and fetterlock were not combined in one device until the reign of Edward IV.

P. 21, l. 19. *Awaylle*. Profit or use. In p. 40 it is directed that he that payeth the pension shall have "the wayl that comyth ovir." From this word perhaps come the "vails" claimed by servants, though that word has been generally derived from *vale*, farewell. See Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 17.

— 1. 29. *Abbott's cope*. A tax levied on the town for providing a new cope for every fresh abbot. In 1499 William Fish, of Bury, bequeathed a tenement "to the payment of the Abbott's cope, as oftyn as a new election of the Abbot of Bury is hadde." [Lib. Pye, f. 84.] See also p. 70.

P. 22, l. 8. *Cornell house*. The Prompt. Parv. explains *cornell* by the word frontis-
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picium. It was probably a corner house. In the dialect of Herefordshire *corner* still signifies a corner.

P. 22, l. 9. *Petavnccere*. An officer of the monastery, whose duty it was to distribute the *pitancia*, or pittances of meat and drink (see pp. 6 and 16) allowed to the monks and others connected with the monastery on particular occasions, over and above the stated commons.

— 1. 31. *Ostilment*. Sometimes written *hostiliments* and *hustilmentys*, household furniture; from old Fr. *oustillement*, movables. Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 255.

P. 23, l. 1. *Trampson*. The transome is usually considered to be that part of the bedstead which is between the two head-posts, and is frequently elaborately carved; but the general association of the word with feather beds would lead us to think the bolster was meant; in which sense Cullum [Hist. Hawsted, 119] explains the synonymous word *traversin*. Agas Herte, in her will, 1522, mentions (p. 115) "a fietherbed, ij. trawn-sous, a matras, ij. pelowes, iiij. payer of schets," &c.; and also (p. 116) "a fetherbed, a matras, a bolster, ij. pelowes," &c. See also p. 136. No instance has been met of the use of the two words in directing the bequest of one set of bed furniture.

— 1. 1. *Costerys*. The hangings of the walls.

— 1. 2. *Greet pilve*. Pillow.

— 1. 6. *Esterych burde*. In the will of Johanna Stevens, of Bury, widow, 1459, occurs "duo scabella de estryche boord." Phillips has "Estregbords, boards, deal or fir, brought from the Eastern parts for wainscoting and other uses."

— 1. 8. *The grettere hol basyn*. Ang. Sax. *hol*, *cavus*. Hollow basons occur in p. 82. Shallow basons were called "flat" basons. In the will of Margareta Thruston, wydowe, 1471, is this item: "j. peluem laton voc' anholbasyn, j. peluem laton voc' a flatbasyn." [Lib. Hawlee, f. 164.]

— 1. 9. *ij. lowe candylstikkes of asorth*. Like one another, a pair.

— 1. 16. *The coronacion of oure lady*. This was a very favourite subject in mediæval sculpture and art. The Virgin is usually represented seated, by the Saviour's side, on a throne or seat of similar elevation as his, and the Saviour places a crown on her head. A specimen, from Ely Cathedral, is engraved in Carter's Painting and Sculpture, sculp. pl. iii.

— 1. 18. *Banker*. A covering, generally of tapestry, for a chair, form, or bench, so explained in p. 101; Fr. *banquier*. Bankers for cupboards occur in p. 25.

— 1. 25. *Chargeour*. The dishes in which joints of meat were served, sometimes called "flat peccs." See Way's Prompt. Parv. v. Charyowre, p. 70.

— 1. 27. *Chetill*. A kettle. Ang. Sax. *cetil*.

— 1. Ibid. *A litell chafour with a beyl*. A handle; Fr. *bailler*. Handles are still called bails in East Anglia.

— 1. 28. *A trewd, a gredyle*. The "gredyle" was an iron plate upon which bread was baked. "Trewd," a trivet?

— 1. 29. *Boord clothes*. Table cloths. Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 44.

P. 24, l. 8. *Duffous*. Dovehouse.

P. 24, l. 10. *xijs. of white rente*. Quit rent. In the "Anturs [Adventures] of Arther" white is spelled "Quyte."

— l. 15. *Mcilthornynghiserd, Litilthornynghiserd*. The now consolidated parishes of Great and Little Horningsherth, commonly called Horringer.

— l. 24. *And though William rewle hym to have it*. See also p. 30, l. 28, and p. 33, l. 27. A very rare use of the word rule, as of a conventiou or order appointed. The order of a judge is still called a rule.

P. 25, l. 9. *Barnogge*. Alexander Neccham, who died in 1227, gives in his treatise *de naturis rerum* a curious account, "de ave que vulgo dicitur bernekke," which grew, as he asserts, from wood steeped in the sea, or trees growing on the shore. Vide Prompt. Parv. p. 32, note.

— l. 24. *Cofferys*. Chests, trunks, er bexes of all forms and uses, were called coffers, from Fr. *coffre*. Still used in East Anglia.

P. 26, l. 2. *Thriftly man*. A curious use of this word. It is synonymous with "man of wourshepe" in l. 15; a "wurshipfulman" in p. 27; "most notable and wurshipfull men" in p. 40; and "probiolibus et magis sufficientibus hominibus" in p. 70. It means well-to-do, "thryfty, *vigens*." Prompt. Parv.

— l. 16. *Housyng*. Housen, old Eng. plural of house.

P. 27, l. 3. *Comown all the dowltyz and preiyls*. Commune. Way's Prompt. Parv.

— l. 4. *A wys*. Advice; written also *ayys, ayse, ayce*. In the same page occurs *aycement*, from avisementum; and in p. 39, "be wyse of good masonys."

— l. 31. *The Aldirman, dye of Candelmesse gild*. In p. 77 the "Aldyrman, dye, and auditours," of the gild are enumerated; and in p. 80, "the aldyrman and dye of the seyde gylde for the tyme being" are to have, under the will of Margaret Odiham, dated 1492, "yerely wythoutende for ther labor ijs." In the accounts of the Guildhall Feoffees, Bury St. Edmund's, for the year 1570, the Alderman "prayeth allowance for iiij *li.* paid te the *Dce* for bringinge forth of the dynner; xls. for his owne ffee, and xls. for the *Dce's* fee." Similar entries occur in each succeeding year till 1583; the fee, differing in amount in different years, being always the same for the Alderman and the *Dce*. In the Registr. Pynchbeck, f. 228, (Pub. Lib. Camb.) is a copy in old French of "the charter extorted by force of arms and fear of death from the Abbot and Convent by John de Barton, tailor, who conducted himself as alderman of the town of Bury. This charter, which was annulled by the justices of the king in the 2d of Edward III. (1328), after granting to the alderman and commonalty the wardship of children and orphans, "with sufficient surety to render account to the alderman," authorises "the alderman and commonalty, by their *dayes* and officers, to distrain the surety to render account of the said things, and to make execution thereof," &c. Mr. Way suggests that "the term *dye*, as used in Baret's will, may be the Angl. Sax. *dugeth*, or *duguth*, honorable, *probus*; ealder-duguthe, the chief magistrate; the *probi homines*, or *prudhommes* of the Normans, being much the same as our aldermen."

P. 28, l. 6. *Grave of resurrection gylde.* The holy sepulchre, which was under the care of a gild that derived its name from assisting at the ceremonies observable there at Easter tide.

— 1. 15. *Vlas.* Octaves.

— Ibid. *Al lenton requiem.* The short requiem. Shakspeare makes Maria exclaim, in reply to the Clown in "Twelfth Night," "a good *lenten* answer;" one that comes short of what might have been expected.

— 1. 22. *Wynde vp the peys and the plummys.* The greater and lesser weights, the latter being probably formed of lead; from Fr. *poids* and *plombs*.

P. 29, l. 17. *The berere of the pazbrede.* The *osculatorium*, or piece of wood or metal, with the Crucifixion thereon, which the priest presented to the people at the conclusion of the mass, to be kissed by them "in token of the peace, unity, and amity of all the faithful, who in that manner, and by its medium, kissed one another with the kiss of charity." The instrument was therefore called a *pax*, and, being commonly of wood, the word *pazbrede*, or *pax-board*, became applied to the pax, of whatever material it was made. Nares's Glossary, voce *Pax*. *Archæological Journal*, vol. ii. 144—151.

— 1. 30. *Theg to make attorne.* Appoint a substitute; whence the word attorney.

— 1. 31. *Vys dore.* The door of the newel staircase leading to the rood gallery. Prompt. Parv. has "Vyce, rownde grece or steyer, *cochea*." Thomas Bereve, of Bury, clothmaker, in the year 1525 bequeathed "to the byldyng and fynysshyng of the vise of Seynt James's Chirche xv tonne of ston, and my lord abbot, prior, and the convent, to pay for the caryage of it, vpon this condicion that the vice go forward vpon the said chyrche accordyngly to the covenant mad on the behalf of my said lord and the convent, or ellys not." [Lib. Hood. f. 137.]

— 1. 33. *Almarie.* A small cupboard in the wall. A. S. *Almerige*, repositorium, scrinium.

P. 31, l. 10. *The high weye toward the grendyll.* A place near the spot indicated is still so called; and one or two other places in the town fields are so denominated. Forby has "Grindle, a corruption of *drindle*, a small and narrow drain for water;" and Ray has "Grindlet" in the same sense. But it might have reference to the site of a mill, which was called a "grindyn" in the 15th century; and grindstones, according to Nares, were called "Grindle-stones."

— 1. 30. *The Hert of the Hoop.* An ion with the sign of a hart upon a hoop, situated in Mustowe Street, Bury St. Edmund's. It is "Hert of Hoop" in p. 40. In the will of the testator's father, Geoffrey Baret, of Bury, 1416 [Lib. Osbern, f. 142], this honse is bequeathed to his son as his tenement "in le Mustowe vocatus *le inne atte herte*." Many an old sign consisted of a carved figure set in a hoop. The "Mitre upon the Hoop," "Angel upon the Hoop," &c. occur in old documents; and the common phrase "Cock-a-hoop" has its origin in this practice.

P. 32, l. 5. *The soler above in the ende of the hall.* See Prompt. Parv. 192; Arch.

Journal, i. 218, 370; Notes on the Memoir on the Icknild Way, by Mr. Taylor, Trans. Archaeol. Inst. Norwich; and Fosbroke's Encyc. Antiq. 124*. The enumeration of racks and hutches on the sollar, in pp. 130, 153, would indicate that the landing, lighted by an oriel window, was the solar. William Coker, of Nayland, "cordiner," in his will, 1570 [Lib. Aldrich, f. 39], enumerates "one chist stondynge at my bed's head vppon the sollar."

P. 33, l. 19. *Aldirbest*. The Promptorium Parvulorum has *Aldyrbest*, optimus; *aldyrleste*, minimus; *aldyrmeste*, maximus, &c. Shakspeare uses "alder-liefert," dearest of all.

— l. 20. *I tendyr here the more*. In p. 37 the testator directs that his debts "in especial be tendryd" before all things. "The shepherd tends his flock;" cares for them, waits on them. Waiters were called *tenders* in East Anglia till recently (Forby); and the word is now used to designate the truck that waits on the railway engine with coals.

— l. 22. *A long grene coorse of silke*. The coorse or body girdle (the latter word being frequently omitted) was that which went round the body immediately above the hips. It was frequently very costly.

— l. 23. *Steynyd cloth with vij. agys*. One of those paintings which were used for hangings of rooms; the design representing the Seven Ages of Man, which is supposed to have suggested Shakspeare's memorable passage in *As You Like it*, act ii. scene 7. The Promptorium gives the following account of "The vij. agys. Prima infancia, quæ continet vij. annos; secunda, puericia, usque ad quartumdecimum annum; tercia, adolescentia, usque ad xxix^m annum; quarta juventus, usque ad quinquagesimum annum; quinta gravitas, usque ad lxx^m annum; sexta senectus, quæ nullo terminatur termino (non terminatur certo numero. p.); senium est ultima pars senectutis. Septima erit in resurrectione finali." See a dissertation by Lady Calcott in "*The Seven Ages*," published by Van Voorst, 1840.

— l. 29. *Kerchys*. Fr. *couver chief*, or *creveché*, a covering for the head, but afterwards applied to the same material whether worn on the head, neck, &c. "Night kerchers" occur in p. 146.

P. 34, l. 23. *Alle the best harneys for oon hors*. In 1513 John Fodryngey, of Bury, cook, bequeathed to his son his "hooll harneys called *almoos revett*, with the codde peece therto and the salett, a bowe of ewe oon of the best, and j. sheff arows." [Lib. Mason, f. 29.] *Almaine*, or German, rivets were a sort of light armour having sleeves of mail, or iron plates, riveted, with braces for the defence of the arms. [Hist. Hengrave, p. 29.]

— l. 20. *Array*. Articles of dress; raiment. In the will of John Plandon, of Bury, 1491, occurs "my arraye to my body perteynyng." [Lib. Pye, f. 16.]

— l. 22. *John Aleyn my child*. Probably a page.

— l. 27. *Palyd of bakram blew and better blew*. Striped, heraldically termed, *paly*, (Fr. *pal*, a pale or palisade), light and dark blue.

— l. 28. *That I rsed to trusse with me*. To *trusse*, to pack. Beds used in travelling were called "*Trussing Beds*."

P. 34, l. 34. *My houshold to be kept hool togedyr with alle my meyne.* Dependents; from *mesnie*, old Fr. which Roquefort defines “*famille, maison, tous ceux qui la composent.*” Nares’s Gloss, and Prompt. Parv. In the “Anturs of Arther,” the word is spelt *mennè*, in Shakspeare *meiny*. “Menyal men” occurs in p. 16.

P. 35, l. 18. *Baselard.* A long dagger or sheathed knife, worn by all classes. In armed figures of the 14th and 15th centuries it is sometimes attached to the sword belt; in those of civilians it is suspended to the girdle in front. A *baselard* in “a sangweyn schede,” or sheath of blood colour, occurs in p. 40. See also Prompt. Parv.

— l. 19. *Maseer with a beend and a foot.* The maser, macer, or mazer (Dutch *maeser*) was a drinking bowl originally made of the maple wood, whence its name, which was afterwards applied to all bowls of the same form, or for the same purpose, of whatever material made. Those mentioned in the Bury Wills are all of wood, with bands or bonds round the edge, of silver gilt. In the will of Johan Brette, of Bury, widow, 1496, occurs a maser “called the maser with the grette bonde.” [Lib. Pye, f. 106.] The value of a “beste maser” is stated in the will of Water Rowte of Bury, 1510, to be 20s. [Lib. Mason, f. 4.] Two masers, one with a cover, are engraved in *Archæological Journal*, ii. 262.

— l. 21. *My book with the sege of Thebes in Englysh.* The work of his versatile contemporary Dan John Lidgate, a monk in the same monastery in which the testator held some lay office, and was probably presented to him by the poet, whose death took place two years before the date of Baret’s will. “ij. Inglyshe bocks, called Bochas, of Lydgat’s makying,” occurs in the will of Roger Drury, Esq. of Hawsted, 1493. [Hist. Hawsted, 119.]

— l. 23. *A knoppe of gold with perle.* Any protuberance, as a button or bud; from Angl. Sax. *cnæp*, a top. In p. 36, l. 24, it occurs as “a knoppe, othir wyse callyd a tufft, of blak sylke.”

— l. 24. *A rowund ryng of the kyng’s silver.* A ring blessed by the king? Cf. p. 41.

— l. 25. *My heavy peys noble wick weyeth xxs.* My heavy weighing noble, Fr. *poids*. At the date of this will the noble was current for 6s. 8d. (see p. 17), and its weight by the Mint indenture 108 grains; but Henry IV. coined a noble before his 13th year which weighed 120 gr. as did Richard II.’s noble, and that struck in Edward III.’s 27th year. The latter king in his 18th year struck a noble weighing $138\frac{6}{13}$ th gr. and in his 20th year another weighing $128\frac{1}{4}$ th gr. The first of these two, known to numismatists as the heavy noble, is doubtless the one referred to. “An old noble which is worth ixs.” was bequeathed to the same shryne of St. Edmund by Walter Rowte of Bury, in 1510. [Lib. Mason, f. 4.] “A red nobyll” occurs in the will of Elizabeth Howe, of Preston, 1537. [Lib. Poope, f. 28.]

— l. 29. *Fertrerys.* The keeper of the shrine was called a *fetrarius*, and the shrine itself a *feretrum*. See also Prompt. Parv. v. Feertyr, p. 157.

P. 36, l. 1. *A ryng of gold with bolyouns.* In p. 116 we have “a pewter basen with bolyouns,” and in p. 82 “ij. flat basyns of laton, wherof one is with bolyouns.” Ornamented

with semi-round knopps. Ang. Sax. *Bolig*, a bulge. The ring probably resembled the decade rings figured in Arch. Journal, vol. iii. p. 198, vol. v. pp. 63, 64.

P. 36, l. 8. *A spoon of berell*. The beryl is a precious stone of a sea-green colour; but a finer description of green crystal glass was so called in the 14th and 15th centuries. Speght's Glossary to Chaucer, and Prompt. Parv.

— l. 25. *A litil nowche of gold with smul perle and stoonys*. The nowche or ouche was a stud or setting for jewels of any form or material, derived, says Tyrwhitt, from *nocchia*, a boss, clasp, or buckle. The nowche of the text might have been in the form of a buckle, the testator bearing for his arms three buckles.

P. 37, l. 4. *A bgl*. A kind of halberd.

— l. 16. *My best gypeer with iij. bagges, &c.* Fr. "*gibbecière*, a pouch, bag, poake, budget" (Cotgrave), properly such as was used in hawking, &c. but commonly worn by the merchant, or with any secular attire. Chaucer says of the frankelein, or country gentleman,

"An anelace [dagger] and gipsere all of silke

Hing at his girdle, white as morow [morning] milke."

In the inventory of valuables the property of Hen. V. A.D. 1423, is enumerated "*j. gipeer de noier relect, garniz d'or, pris 66s. 8d.*" [Rot. Parl. iv. 215.] See Promptorium Parvulorum, edit. Way, and Archæological Journal, i. 251. From the mention of the testator's "whistel of silver," in p. 41, l. 18, and the separate bequest (ib. l. 20) of his merchant's pouch, it was most probably his hawking gypeer: the whistle was used to send off and recall the hawk.

— l. 32. *Avers*. A worse.

— l. 34. *Calyon and moorter*. The ordinary flint and boulder walls of the Suffolk churches. Fr. *caillou*. See Prompt. Parv. v. Calyon.

P. 38, l. 10. *Whoos bodes I have causyd to lese sylvir*. The word *lese* is used in the "Anturs of Arther" for lose. "To lose silver" meant to sustain any loss; the expression worth but "little silver" is still, says Forby, occasionally used in East Anglia to denote anything of little value; but in the case of the testator it may perhaps have a literal sense. See p. 41.

P. 39, l. 4. *Sitte here ageyn the bowtell*. An old English term for a round moulding or bead; also for the small shafts of clustered pillars, window and door jambs, mullions, &c. probably from its resemblance to the shaft of an arrow or bolt. [Oxf. Gloss.] The bowtell in the text is the single shaft or column rising between two windows and supporting a corbel of the timber roof. See Professor Willis' Architectural Nomenclature, Trans. Camb. Antiqu. Soc.

— l. 8. *Foorne of stoon that longith unto the wyndowe*. The window sill.

— l. 16. *Arcoyddid*. To be removed so that the place be a void or clear space.

— l. 23. *The bem there iij. kynges be*. Figures of the three kings who went to Bethlehem to offer gifts to the infant Jesus.

P. 39, l. 23. *The Jesse*. A genealogical tree, proceeding from a reclining figure of an old man (Jesse), our Lord's genealogy being represented by figures in the branches, and terminating with the figure of the Virgin with the infant Jesus in her arms. The most remarkable example remaining in England is one of the chancel windows at Dorchester, Oxfordshire.

— Ibid. *Our lady with the virgeneyis afore her*. Apparently some conventional subject of ancient art: perhaps one in which a group of virgins with several musical instruments were represented worshipping the Virgin.

P. 40, l. 10. *My owne seel of silvir, therin a egle with scripture*. His *secretum*, or private seal, with, perhaps, the emblem of St. John. His "signet of gold with a pellican and his armys grave therin," is noticed in p. 38.

— l. 29. *My silver forke for grene gingor*. Pots of green ginger were frequently sent as presents. [Fosbroke's *Encyc. Antiq.* i. 397.] Coryat, in his "Crndities," would make it appear that the use of forks at table dated from a much later period than the times of the testator. An earlier instance of the use of this implement may be cited, from the Wardrobe Book of 25 Edw. I. 1297. See further in *Archæological Journal*, iii. 179.

P. 41, l. 11. *My crampe ring*. Cramp rings were used as preservatives against fits, having been first consecrated on Good Friday with peculiar ceremonies by the king or queen regnant. Miss Strickland (iv. 206) claims it as the peculiar privilege of the queens. In Burnet (vol. ii. p. 266 of Records) is to be found the whole Latin formula of this office as written for the use of Queen Mary I. It is said to owe its origin to the virtues of the ring given by Edward the Confessor to the pilgrim, and which ring always appears as the symbol of the royal saint. The superstitious use of these rings is not entirely abandoned in Suffolk. A recent instance occurred at Hengrave, where nine young men of the parish each subscribed a crooked sixpence to be moulded into a ring for a young woman afflicted with fits. [Hist. Thingoe, xxvi.] See Nares and Brand's *Popular Antiquities*.

— l. 16. *My girdyl of tawny silk with poyntes of nedilwerk*. Opus punctatum, worked with the needle, a variety of which was counterpoint.

— l. 19. *My botorecle set in gold with nedil werk*. Probably a buckle; the testator's arms being a bend between 3 buckles.

— l. 21. *My best gay cup of erthe keveryd, or ellys oon of the frerys, to chese of bothe*. This, Mr. Way informs me, is an early instance of the use of any fictile vessel as an object of luxury or estimation in domestic use. Was the "gay cup" of oriental ware, or the gay painted crockery of Italian manufacture? "Oon of the frerys" was probably a vessel made in the similitude of a friar. There is one earlier instance of pottery mentioned as an object of estimation prior to the 16th century. In the inventory of valuables of Edw. III. and Ric. II. taken at the accession of Henry IV. occurs "an ernskyn (or small cruse) de terre blank, hernoise; d'argent endorrée, ove un covercle enbatelle, enaymelle; dedein; ove j. babeuyñ, pois' ij lb." This was probably the old pure white porcelain, for it occurs with cups of oriental origin, the "gripreseï," or ostrich egg,

attributed to the griff or griphon, and the "nutte" or cocoa nut. [Kalendars of the Exchequer.]

P. 41, l. 25. *Both my colers of silveir, the kyngs lyfre.* The livery collar of Edward the Fourth, the reigning sovereign when John Baret made his will, was composed of roses and suns with the lion of March as a pendant. John Baret's collars, however, which are displayed in his chantry chapel, are those of the house of Lancaster, composed of esses, with no other pendant but a trefoil ring. On collars of the royal livery see some interesting papers in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1842, by Mr. J. G. Nichols.

P. 44, l. 32. *Unam vaccam sufficient' pro ijbz cereis ardent' coram imagine beati Marie.* A very frequent bequest, often accompanied with express directions as to the letting and renewing. John Cleris, of Ampton, in 1530, bequeathed "to the sepulchre light in Anpton Church, to continew for evyr, too melche nete to be leten by y^e churchwardens for the tyme beyng, and halfe part of the mony comyng yeerly of the letage of the sayd nete to go to the fyndyng of the seyd light, and the other half to bye another melche neete, so that the stoke may evyr be renewyd and encresyd, and the mony comyng of the letage of every and all thes seme nete to go to mayntenance of the sayd light to contynew perpetuall." [Lib. Brett, f. 54.] In 1537 Elyzabeth Howe, widow, of Preston, gaye "to the hole townsell of y^e town of the parrysse of Preston, iij. neat for to kepe an obytt perpetually, and the same neat to be let by the townsell of the hole towneshype of Preston aforsayde for xvjd. a yere a pese of them." [Lib. Poope, f. 28.] In 1542 Water Howlet, of Woodditton, bequeathed "two bullocks ener quicke and never deade," for an obit for ever. [Lib. Leme, f. 66.] These were most probably milch cows, for "melche bullocks" occur in one will, and "my blacke bullocke y^e is with calfe," in that of William Rought the elder, of Rickingham, 1 Eliz. [Lib. Paynter, f. 122.]

P. 51, l. 1. *To every housold keper in the town iiijd.* Margaret Veere, of Eye, widow, 1540, in directing a similar distribution of iiij d. to each of 40 householders of Eye, adds this condition, "that dothe not gether abroad in the cuntrey." [Lib. Poope, f. 276.]

P. 53, l. 16. *A brasse potte.* The will of Philip Cowper, of Bury, weaver, 1512, disposes of a "bras potte called a serayfote potte." [Lib. Mason, f. 15.]

P. 55. *John Smyth.* Alderman of Bury St. Edmund's 3 Edw. IV. 1464. His bequest of lands to the use of the inhabitants of that town originated the extensive charity known as the Guildhall Feoffment. A portrait of this benefactor is preserved in the guildhall; and a gravestone in St. Mary's church, with the effigies in brass of a man and his wife, are believed to be his memorial. A gravestone by its side records the death, in 1650, of his last descendant, John Smyth, of the Middle Temple, gent.

P. 57, l. 26. *Eucris article to take pleyne effecte.* Fully carried out, *plene*; "playne" occurs in p. 60 in the same sense.

P. 75, l. 12. *My grene worsted coverlyght.* In the will of Margarete Cowbregge, widow, 1480, occurs "j couerlyghte of Bukkeshorne grene."

P. 78, l. 23. *Meeve and store.* Move and stir. Forby has *stoor*, to stir, from Teut. *stooren*, movere.

P. 79, l. 17. *Markett stede.* Stede, Angl. Sax. a place. "In the stede of an alderman," occurs p. 78, l. 5. Homestead and Fairstead are still generally used in Suffolk.

— l. 23. *Placebo and Dirige.* The anthem "Placebo Domino in regione vivorum," with which the vespers for the dead open; and the anthem to the first nocturne in the matins of the office for the dead, "Dirige, Domine Deus meus, in conspectu tuo viam meam." The term dirige is an abbreviation from the Latin *dirige*. [Gage's Hist. Hengrave, 112.]

P. 82, l. 4. *Cophor standing at the North gate with a cheyr therby.* Probably provided for a hermit. There were hermits at all the Bury gates.

— l. 11. *A sars oflaton.* A sieve or cullender. "j sarche of tre," a wooden sieve, occurs in the Fastolf Inventory. [Arch. xxi. p. 27.]

— l. 16. *A peyre bedys of jecte, gaudied with corall.* "Gaudied gold" occurs in p. 144. A pair of beads was the term for a string of heads, used as a mechanical help to ascertain the number of their prayers, from Ang. Sax. *bede*, a prayer. Every tenth bead was succeeded by one larger and more embellished than the rest, and called a *gaude*. The gauds were for Paternosters, the beads for Ave Marias.

P. 84, l. 6. *My feffours to delyuer strengthe jn as moche londe.* A curious use of the word in the sense of power and authority. Another instance occurs in the will of John Bewchyr, of Isworth, 1530. "I gyve all my strength that my mother gaue me, Margaret Bewcher by name, I gyve nowe all my strength to John Wallgore for to gyve or to sell all the goods, houses, and londes, &c." [Lib. Longe, f. 42].

P. 86, l. 5. *Lady Cecyle, late Duches of Yorke.* Daughter of Ralph Neville first Earl of Westmerland, wife of Richard Duke of York, slain at the battle of Wakefield in 1460; and mother of King Edward IV. and King Richard III.

— l. 12. *To pray for all tho that I am dette bounde to do.* Peter Frere, of Wickham-skeith, gentleman, a century later, thinking prayers for the living preferable to those for the dead, directed that the poor to whom the burial dole should be delivered were to be desired to pray "to God for his blessing upon his posterity." [Lib. Stevens, f. 296.]

P. 87. *My lord William of Suffolk.* This person, who is not mentioned by Dugdale, in his Baronage, was the younger son of William de la Pole, first duke of Suffolk. His wife the lady Katharine was the third daughter of William second Lord Stourton. See

the pedigree of De la Pole in Frost's Notices of the Early History of Hull, 4to. 1827, p. 31.

P. 88, l. 19. *My syde tureney gowne.* Ang. Sax. *sid*, ample, broad, spacious; in which sense Shakspeare uses "side-sleeves" in *Much Ado about Nothing*, act iii. sc. 3. Modern East Anglians, according to Forby, strangely depart from the ancient meaning; saying, "This sleeve is too side, it must be let out."

— l. 31. *A seynt Antony crosse.* A tau cross. In the will of Thomas Clerk, of Bury, gent. 1506, [Lib. Pye, f. 190] "a tau crosse of gold weyng iij li." is bequeathed to his wife; and in that of Katryn Smere, of Bury, widow, 1527, occurs "my best towelly w^t y^e crosse of Seynt Antony." The tau cross was borne in the armorial coat of the Drury's of Hawsted, near Bury; having been assumed, says Sir John Cullum, by Nicholas Drury, as an augmentation, in consequence of having been in the expedition to Spain with the Duke of Lancaster in 1386. [Hist. Hawsted, p. 131.]

P. 89, l. 3. *Lady Elisabeth the Duches of Suffolke.* Daughter of Cicely, Duchess of York, before-mentioned; sister of King Edward IV. and King Richard III.; and wife of John de la Pole, created Duke of Suffolk in 1463.

P. 91, l. 25. *A sperver of sylke.* In p. 135 "spurver curtans" occur; and in the will of Elizabeth Drury, 1475, is "a white bedde made sparverwyse." [Hist. Thingoe Hund, 283.] The etymon of sparver is uncertain. Can it be from Ang. Sax. *sparran*, *abdere*, to shut or close? The tents in the arms of the Company of Upholsters are called in their patent, 5 Edw. IV. *Spervers*. Horman, in his valuable *Vulgaria*, says, "Some haue curteynes, some sparvers aboute the bedde to kepe away gnattes—conopeum lectum circumspargunt." Thomas's Italian Dictionary, 1548, has "*Padiglione* (Italian), the pavilion or the sparaviour of a bedde." In an account of the expenses of the King of Scotland, 1474, is this item: "For 4 elne & ane halve of tartane for a *spervercort* aboutin my lord princes eradill, price elne 10s." [Maitland's Scotland, i. 327.] In Nichols's Leicestershire, iii. 265, note 1: "Then every of them [4 yeomen] stuek up the aungells about the bedde and lette down the corteynes of the bed, or sparver."

— l. 26. *A countyrpointe.* A coverlet composed of counter points or panes of various colours, contrasting with each other. Counterpane is the same thing.

P. 92, l. 18. *At my buryng day there be delte xls. in brede at my door.* The door of the house of mourning was crowded by beggars. Laurence Smyth, 1481, directs "j d. and a ferdynng lof," to be given to "every poure and nedy coming to the dore suyng." [Lib. Hawlee, f. 325.]

P. 93, l. 29. *A graveston of marbull.* John Gallaunt, of Bury, tailor, 1526, directed to "be bought a marbull ston to ley on my grave to the value of xls." [Lib. Hood, f. 132.]; and Robert Heynes, the elder, of Sudbury, one to the price of "xxxj^s. viij d." [Lib. Brydone, f. 160.]

P. 94, l. 16. *Ayen.* Against. In p. 54 occurs "discharyng ther coneyens ayens God."

P. 96, l. 26. *A part be gevyn to poor maydyns at ther maryage.* Marriage gifts of pewter vessels are bequeathed in p. 97; and William Walker, of Bury, fletcher, 1539, directed all his "peyntyd clothys to be gevyn vnto pore yong copylls y^t be newly maryed." [Lib. Holland, f. 54.]

— l. 27. *A parte to be spent in hy weyys.* The following item in the will of John Cowpere, late of Hawsted, 1522, will give some idea of the way in which even the principal streets of a town were dependent on private benevolence for being at all in order: "I will that myn executors shall gader and carye, or do gadyr or cary, sex score lods of smale stones w^t tho & suche as I have gadyrid all redy, and those I will shalbe leyed in the highweyes betwyx the Southgate and Seynt Mary chyrche where most nede shalbe. And that to be don xx lods yerly til it be don." [Lib. Hood, f. 110.]

P. 98, l. 10. *My coffyr of syprys.* Cyprus chests used for keeping linen clothes in, mentioned in the will of the Countess of Bath, 1561 [Hist. Hengrave, 136]; and in the will of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, "a little box of Cypress wood" is the depository of "rings, diamonds, rubies," &c. [Test. Vet. 141.] Shakspeare makes Gremio, in "Taming of the Shrew," act ii. sc. 1, keep his arras in cypress chests.

— l. 18. *My corall bedys of thrys fyfty.* The Abbé Prevost (Manuel Lexique) says the rosary consists of fifteen tens (or 150 Ave Marias and 15 Paternosters) in honour of the fifteen mysteries in which the Virgin Mary bore a part.

— Ibid. *My maryeng ryng with all things hanggyn thereon.* Mr. Whincopp, of Woodbridge, who has a large and curious collection of rings, has one, silver gilt, with ten smaller rings thereto, which he says was a decade ring, used instead of beads for numbering prayers. The passage in the text suggests a different use. The will of Marion Chamber, of Bury, 1505, describes her "maryeng ryng" as having "a dyamond & the rubie therin." [Lib. Pye, f. 171.] Inscriptions and posies on wedding rings were common. One found a few years since in the neighbourhood of Bury had this inscription on the inside, "Mulier viro subiecta esto."

— l. 21. *A tabyll callyd a counto^r.* See Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 98.

P. 100, l. 3. *A sangred to be prayed for in the b-droule.* The particular service known by this name is not ascertainable. Thome Pakenham, of Ixworth Thorpe, 1504, bequeathed "to the sepulkyr lyght vj hyves of beene to pray for me and my wyffe in y^e comon sangered." [Lib. Fuller, f. 70]. The bead roll was a catalogue of those who were to be mentioned by name in the prayers for deceased benefactors. It was always read on All Saints' Day.

— l. 17. *Cobernys, aundersnys.* Cobirons were those which supported the spit. In the inventory of "certeyne parcels" at the Guildhall, Bury St. Edmund's, 1584, is this item: "ij cohyrons weighing together el pounds." Phillips has "Cob-iron, an iron on which a spit turns;" and Forby says the irons hung on bars of the kitchen range to support the

spit are called cob-irons. Aundirons consisted of two upright standards with a bar between for resting the burning wood upon. The standards were frequently much ornamented; and in the time of James I. were sometimes made of silver. "A pair of handerns" occurs in p. 115. They were frequently in two parts, supported by feet in the middle.

P. 101, l. 16. *ij. boffett stolsys.* An oval wooden stool, without a back, but with a hole in the seat for the convenience of taking it up. [Cullum's Hawsted, p. 25.] The Prompt. Parv. has "Bofet, thre fotyd stole;" but Forby describes the buffet stool in Norfolk as "a four-legged stool set on a frame like a table, and used as the poor man's sideboard, table, or stool." "Buffett formes" as well as stools occur in the inventory of Katharine Lady Hedworth, 1568, in Wills, &c. of Surtees Society, i. 282. As the *buffet* was a eupboard or sideboard, in France termed also the *credence*, Forby is perhaps correct.

P. 105, l. 26. *Cloth to be set vpon my hers.* The term is derived from the frame for supporting the lights (called *herciu* or *herpiea*, from its resemblance in form to a harrow) customarily placed around the coffin on the day of burial. At the date of this will the bier on which the coffin rested was called the herse. In p. 109 "holdyng torches about my herse" occurs.

— l. 29. *My booke of the dowtes of Holy Scryptur to lye and remayn in the cloyster.* R. G. in "Notes and Queries," i. p. 154, considers this to have been a copy of the "Liber Quæstionum Veteris et Novi Testamenti," formerly ascribed to St. Augustin. In 1519, Robert Same, of Bury, chaplain, bequeathed to the church of Wetheringsett "a booke called Fasciculus Mors, to lye in the chauncell, for priests to occupye ther tyme when it shall please them, praying them to haue my soule in remembrance as it shall please them of their charite." [Lib. Hood, f. 62.] In 1509, John Hoore, of Bury, priest, directed his "booke called Speculum Sacerdotum to lye vpon the deske before the ferterers at the hygh aughten in the monastery of Seynt Edmund." [Lib. Pye, f. 203.] A "portos to be cheynynd in the chapell" occurs p. 229.

P. 106. *Maister Henry Rudde, doctor.* Mr. C. H. Cooper obligingly communicates the following note on this learned person:—Dr. Henry Rudde appears to have been employed by the University of Cambridge in a negoeiation between that body and the town. In the roll of accounts of the treasurers of the town of Cambridge, from Michaelmas, 16 Hen. VII. to Michaelmas, 17 Hen. VII., is this item: "Paid for a breakfast in the inn called the Dolphin, at the time of the meeting had for the matter between the University and the town of Cambridge, there being assembled for the same Mr. Doctors Rudde and Sokebone, Mr. Burgoyne and Wood, 19d." There was a hostel in Cambridge called Rudd's hostel, but it did not derive its name from this Dr. Henry Rudde, being mentioned as early as temp. Edw. 1.

P. 107, l. 1. *ij. blynde wyndowes.* The triforium or series of arches between the nave and clerestory are called "le byndstorsys" in the life of Bp. Cardmey. [Oxf. Gloss. p. 57.]

— l. 14. *Toward the peyntynge of ix ordrys of Angelis.* According to S. Dionysius

the nine orders of celestial spirits were—seraphim, cheruhim, thrones, dominions, principalities, powers, virtues, angels, and archangels.

P. 110, l. 15. *My tawny gown furred with shankys.* The skin of the leg of a kind of kid, which bears the fur called budge. Phillips.

P. 112, l. 6. *Toward y^e ryngers charge off the corfew belle.* The origin of this bequest is thus related by Mr. Gage Rokewode [Hist. Hengrave, p. 11]: "John Perfew, a tenant of the manor of Fornham All Saints, is said to have lost his way in returning from the court to Bury, and to have recovered himself from a perilous situation by accidentally hearing the striking of the clock or bell at St. Mary's Bury. This circumstance, if we are to believe a tale not uncommon, led to his devising certain pieces of land which took the name of the Bell Meadow, parcel of the manor of Fornham All Saints, to the churchwardens of St. Mary's, in order that the bell might be tolled in summer regularly at four o'clock in the morning and nine in the evening; and in winter at six in the morning and eight at night. And upon condition that the churchwardens should furnish annually at the lord's court six bottles of French and two of Spanish wine. It is not to be doubted that this endowment for ringing the morning and evening bell of the parish church was to excite the people to repeat the Angelus, according to the general custom in Catholic countries. It may be observed that the Italians call the Angelus bell, *Ave Maria dell' Aurora* and *Ave Maria della Sera*." Mr. Gage Rokewode had not seen the will, which annexes no condition to the bequest. The payment of so much wine was the customary tenure of the land, which formed part of the Babwell lands, appropriated by Abbot Hugh, "ad mensam et ad cameram abbatis," [Hist. Thingoe Hund. 245.] The land is still held in trust for the purposes of the will, and the customary payment is annually made.

— l. 28. *Every poor man and woman in my almesse housyn . . a ffrysed rosat goien.* An inferior kind of woollen cloth, first made by the Frisons. Phillips. In 1599 the Bury St. Edmund's Guildhall Feoffees paid "vs. for fryse to make the bedell a coate."

— l. 7. *Chirche revis.* Churchwardens, Ang. Sax. *gerefa*, a steward; still retained in sheriff (shire-reve), dike-reve, &c.

— l. 31. *In the orfrees.* Orphreys, orfray, aufrigium, fringe, facing, or border, of gold tambour work. See Archaeological Journal, i. 319.

P. 113, l. 19. *John Alen, on off the barons off the Exchequer.* He was constituted fourth Baron of the Exchequer, 18 Feb. 1503-4, [Pat. 19 Hen. VII. p. 1, m. 29,] and his appointment was renewed on the accession of Henry VIII. 25 April, 1510. [Pat. 1 Hen. VIII. p. 2, m. 31.]

P. 114, l. 3. *Richard Pynson, of London, prenter, and Frensheman.* He acquired his knowledge of the art of printing from Caxton, and succeeded Wynkyn de Worde as the third royal printer. He printed several editions of the English translation of Boccaccio, by Lydgate the monke of Bury; and in 1499 an edition of the Promptorium Parvulorum, an East Anglian dictionary.

P. 114, l. 5. *Nicholas Colyn, Frensheman, in Cambrygge.* Query, a relative and agent of Colinaus the Paris printer of Greek and Latin authors.

P. 115, l. 24. *A Seynt Joh's hede of alabaster with Seynt Peter and Seynt Thomas and the figure of Cryst.* This describes one of those alabaster carvings of the head of Saint John surrounded by figures of other saints, of which one specimen has been engraved in Stukeley's *Palaographia Britannica*, another in Schnebbelie's *Antiquaries' Museum* (also given in the *History of Leicestershire*, vol. iv. pl. lxx. and in *Fosbroke's Encyclopedia of Antiquities*), and two more in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for September, 1824. One of these last, which formerly belonged to Mr. John Carter, is in the possession of John Bowyer Nichols, esq. F.S.A. together with a second which has not been engraved, and which Mr. Nichols received from the late Sir S. R. Meyrick, in exchange for another carving which had belonged to Mr. Carter—it is thought also of the same character, but this is not certain. However, still another carving of this design is described in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for Oct. 1824, by T. Adderley of Great Surrey-street, which had belonged about 50 years before to the Rev. Mr. Wickham, of Horington, in Somersetshire. In all of them the head of Saint John of a large proportionate size occupies the centre; it has been mistaken for the image of Edessa, for that of Saint Veronica, and for the first person of the Holy Trinity. The figure placed beneath appears to have been generally Christ rising from his tomb; who in the first example above mentioned (which belonged to Samuel Gale, esq.) is a naked figure seated, the hands tied with cords, and Stukeley thought it represented Saint John bound in prison. In the fourth example (now in the possession of Mr. Nichols,) and in that which belonged to Mr. Adderley, it is the Holy Lamb instead of the human figure of Christ. The saints on either side, figured at whole length, are, in every instance but one, the same as those described in the will here quoted, viz. Saint Peter and Saint Thomas of Canterbury: in Stukeley's specimen, the second is represented as Saint Paul (probably the draughtsman's misapprehension, from the crossier of Saint Thomas having been broken in the original,) and in the rear are placed Saint Katharine and Saint Helen. In the Rev. Edward Duke's specimen (*Gent. Mag.* ubi supra) the same figures in the rear also occur: Saint Katharine with her wheel, and Saint Helen bearing three nails of the cross. In Mr. Wells's carving (that engraved by Schnebbelie) is also Saint Katharine, and a fourth figure has been broken away. At the summit of the whole design was represented a soul conveyed to heaven by angels. Such is doubtless the true explanation of the constituent parts of these carvings, which have been much discussed and greatly misinterpreted: but the reason or meaning of their being put together in this particular way still remains to be discovered.—

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— l. 25. *A choche of red sarsenet and grene ffrengyd.* The Glossary to "Wicliffe's Apology for the Lollards," has "ehonche, a couch." (?)

— l. 30. *A gret joyneyd cheyre at the deyse in the halle.* The raised platform at the upper end of the hall, whereon sat the host and his principal guests at festivals, was termed the *dese*; Fr. *deis* or *daix*. See Way's *Prompt. Parv.* p. 119.

P. 116, l. 1. *Pelow beres*. Cloths for laying over the pillow, sometimes of very rich material and work. In Chaucer's "Dreme" we have,

" And many a pillow, and every bere
Of cloth of Raynes, to slepe on softe."

In the Fastolfe Inventory, Arch. xxi. p. 27, "ix. berys for fetherheddys" are erroneously explained to mean bedsteads.

— 1. 2. *ij. kusshons, ij. with harts, and on of other worke*. Cushions "of forest work" are mentioned in the will of Agnes Gippes, of Bury, widow, 1560 [Lib. Sunday, f. 357]; "with redde bucks," in that of Jane Holt, 1555 [Ib. f. 286]; "with the pyghtur of y^e unicorn," Thos. Mosse, 1531 [Lib. Hollond, f. 3]; and "of tapessery werk with braunches," Eliz. Drury, 1475 [Lib. Hawlee, f. 219].

— 1. 15. *A golde corse with beletts*. The ornaments of the girdle were frequently of the richest description. Margaret Newhawe, of Bury, widow, in 1519, bequeathed "j. corse gyrdill of Venyse gold, herneysid with silver and parcell gilt. [Lib. Hood, f. 71.]

— 1. 23. *A grett chest corvyn on the oute syde*. Corvan or kutte, corvone, scissus, sculptus. Way's Prompt. Parv. 94.

P. 119, l. 15. *A quern, iij.s. iiij.d.* Quern, a handmill; Angl. Sax. *cicyrn*. Mustard quearns occur in p. 220; and malt querns in the will of Thomas Astye, of Weston, 1557. [Lib. Dove, f. 305.] Alice Pechye, of Soham, 1525, directed his quern to be "common to euerie poore man when he hath neede and helpinge to the reparacyon of the same." [Lib. Brydone, f. 310.] The will of William Toly, "quernepykker," 1441, is in Lib. Osbern, f. 247.

P. 122, l. 7. *For the dome peynted*. A representation of the Doom, or Day of Judgment, a frequent subject on fresco in parish churches.

P. 126, l. 7. *One new thrombyed hate*. Probably a hat with very long nap resembling a hat of shaggy fur. They appear often in illuminations: "Thrumm of a clothe, *filamen, villus, fractillus*." [Prompt. Parv.] "*Irto* (Italian), thrommed, rough, heavie." [Thomas's Ital. Diet. 1548.] A "sylke thrummed hatt" occurs in the will of Elizabeth Bacon, of Hesselst, 1570. [Lib. Aldrich, f. 40.]

— 1. 6. *My valentyn Agnes Illyon, xs.* John Aldham, of North Cove, in 1626 bequeathed "to my valentine old Mrs. Beere one ringe of goulde of xs." [Lib. Corner, f. 158.] It was customary to draw lots on St. Valentine's Eve for valentines. According to Bourne and Brand [Pop. Antiq. i. 31] "the names of a select number of one sex are, by an equal number of the other, put in some vessel; and after that, every one draws a name, which for the present is called their valentine, and is looked upon as a good omen of their being man and wife afterwards." The custom is alluded to by several of the early dramatists; and in the Autobiog. of Sir Simonds D'Ewes, ii. 162, is a letter from Mr. Wm. Boswell to Sir Wm. Waldegrave vindicating his pupil, Mr. Clopton, and himself, from a report arising from the custom that the former was married or contracted to one of

Dr. Duport's daughters. "About a quarter of a yeare since (he writes), Mr. Clopton was amongst other fellows and gentlemen of our [Jesus] colledge drawne by paper lotts to be valentine to one of Dr. Duport's daughters: which being tould unto Mr. Clopton he came presently and asked mee what he should doe. I resolved him as the other company did; which afterward giving gloves unto their valentine, wee also bought a paire costing 2s. 6d. and bestowed them upon her, which (God is my witness) was done without any such intent as the report falsely carrieth. Neyther did the gentleman or myself ever speake twice unto those daughters in our lives." It appears to have been a fruitful cause of slander. The Diary of Walter Yonge [p. 51] relates in 1621-22, that "it was reported that the King was married to Sir John Croste's daughter: which speech grew upon crossing of valentines as is reported."

P. 127, l. 22. *My portygewe of gold.* A gold coin worth three pounds ten shillings.

— 1. 25. *My Kendall cote.* Made of cloth for which Kendal in Westmerland was famous, usually of a green colour. Falstaff's "three misbegotten knaves in Kendal green" [Hen. IV. act ii. sc. iv.] will readily occur to the reader.

P. 128, l. 24. *lyte brynnning before the sacrament.* The sacrament or consecrated wafer was reserved in a ciborium or pyx, suspended over the altar, before which was a lamp continually burning.

P. 129, l. 8. *All my boks, excepte the play boks.* Copies of some of the Moralities, or dramatic allegories, which hold the intermediate place between the Mysteries and the regular drama, at this time much used by the Romanists to satirise the Reformers. Three or four of these Moralities, written before 1550, are printed in Hawkins's Ancient Drama and Dodsley's Old Plays. See also Hallam's Literature of Europe, i. chap. viii.

P. 130, l. 3. *The tramely yn the cheemney.* A moveable iron bar over the fire to hang pots on.

— 1. 11. *My bowe and my shaftes.* The will of John Fodryngey, of Bury, cook, 1513, mentions "a bowe of Ewe, oon of the best, and j. sheff arowys." [Lib. Mason, f. 27.]

P. 133. *Barbara Mason, Prioress of Marham.* Blomefield [Norfolk, vii. 392] says that Barbara Mason occurs as Abbess of Marham in 1511, and was the last abbess. At the Dissolution the following crime was laid to her charge: "Barbara Mason peperit semel et fatetur se cognitam a priore de Pentney."

P. 134, l. 9. *The twygt couerlygt.* A quilted coverlet. A quilt is called a *twilt* in East Anglia, as well as in the North. Forby. Or it may be *twilled*, from a peculiarity in the number of threads either in warp or woof, *bilix*, double in one or other direction.

— 1. 21. *A dyeper towcell of vij yards longe.* In 1512 John Brymley bequeathed to

the church of Gazeley, in Suffolk, his "large dyaper towaye to hosyll the pepull w'all at Estern tyme" [Lib. Mason, f. 18.]; that is, to be used at the administration of the Sacrament. In a petition to King Edward the Sixth from the parishioners of Leominster, it is stated that there are in that town 2,000 husselling people—persons who received the Communion. The "holy housel called Christ's body and blood" occurs in Strype's *Life of* Abp. Parker, 238.

P. 135, l. 22. *Curtanys of dornyks*. A kind of stuff used for curtains, carpets, and hangings, so called from Doornick, or Tournay, in Flanders, where it was first made. There was a celebrated manufactory of dornecks, hats, and coverlets at Pulham, in Norfolk. Agnes Herryes, widow, of Bury, 1560, bequeathed, "j cowerlyght of Pulhamworke" to the church of St James, in that town, "to serue at the mynystation of the cōmunyon." [Lib. Sunday, f. 31.]

— l. 26. *The bowche of the letter in the botom*. Boss, or projection, caused by stamping a letter on the outside of the bottom. Palsgrave has: "To booce or boce out, as workemen do a holowe thyng to make it seem more apparent to the eye, *endocer*. This broderer has boced this peece of worke very well."

— l. 31. *New pounced peece*. In p. 116, l. 17, occurs "a powsyd basyn with a rose;" and in the will of John Helpston the elder, of Bury, grocer, 1502, "my best pownsyd peece." [Lib. Pye. f. 139.] *Pounsonnez*, indented or pricked with sharp pointed instruments, a method of ornamenting plate used by the Morescoes, or Moors in Spain, in patterns or shapes of flowers, but principally for letters. [Test. Vet. vol. I. xxxii.] See in *Archæologia*, xxix. p. 55, Mr. J. G. Nichols's detailed remarks on this term.

P. 136, l. 12. *vj sylver sponys wyth knoppys on thende*. An ornament of any kind at the end. "Knopped with the ymage of our Lady," occurs in the will of Anne Woode, of Bury, 1525. [Lib. Hood, f. 125.] A very favourite ornament on spoons of the age was the bud of a tree or flower, a bunch of leaves about to expand.

— l. 19. *Gyrdyll of golde callyd a dynyseut*. Demi-ceinte, probably a girdle ornamented only in front.

P. 142, l. 19. *Gown of pewke*. The same as puce, a sober brown colour.

— l. 21. *The Bybyll and the New Testament*. Probably Coverdale's Bible, printed abroad in 1532, and the first English Bible which contained the New Testament.

P. 144, l. 7. *My best coveringe of the Passion*. The weaving of coverlids was a distinct trade. They were frequently bequeathed by ladies, to be used as altar carpets. Joan Drawswerd, of Bury, widow, in 1533, directed her "rede conerlyght to lye afore the high auter, at good tymes, and to do other thyngs necessary to be don therwith." [Lib. Holland, f. 11.] And in 1560, Agnes Herryes, widow, bequeathed to the church of St. James, in Bury, "j cowerlyght of Pulhamworke and iij cussshines to serue at the mynystation of the cōmunyon." [Lib. Sunday, f. 31.]

— l. 34. *My thre great bolles with the cover*. Ang. Sax. *bolla*, any round vessel, cup, pot, or bowl, whether with or without cover or foot.

P. 145, l. 3. *My pomander of gold.* *Pomme d'aumbre*, originally an apple of amber, but afterwards applied to balls of any perfume, and to the utensil in which perfumes were carried about the person. The "muske bal of gold" in p. 35 was a pomander. Cardinal Wolsey's pomander was an orange, with the substance taken out, and filled up with sponge and aromatic vinegar [see his *Life* by Cavendish]; and the balls resembling oranges which in old portraits and monumental effigies appear in the hands, attached to the wrists, or suspended from the girdle, are pomanders. A silver vessel, like an apple, filled with warm water, for the priest to warm his fingers during excessive cold, to prevent accidents in handling the chalice, was called a pomander. [Pugin's *Ecc. Arch.* 146.]

— 1. 34. *Flat silver pece, with a collumbyne in the bottome.* In the Fastolfe inventory [*Archæologia*, xxi. p. 27] are "iiij cuppes gilt, like founteyns, with j columbyne floure enameled in the myddes." The columbine was one of the badges of the House of Lancaster and Margaret of Anjou. Like the willow, it was a token of unfortunate love.

P. 146, l. 5. *Mr. John Eyer, of Bury, esquier.* At the dissolution of the Monastery of St. Edmund he became occupier of the abbatial palace; and, in 1560, in consideration of the sum of 412*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, obtained a grant under the great seal of all the site of the monastery, churchyard, &c. [Yates's *Bury*. 245.]

— 1. 9. *My good neighbour Thomas Caye.* He was one of the churchwardens authorised by the parishioners of the two parishes in Bury St. Edmund's to dispose of the "superstitious church plate," 1 Edw. VI. The produce, says the "Description of Bury," edit. 1771, amounted to 480*l.*, "a great part of which one Mr. Cay sacrilegiously perverted to his own use—the fatal effects of which spoil his family and descendants are said to have had the sad experience of."

— 1. 11. *My best velvet partlet.* The loose collar of a doublet, to be set on or taken off by itself.

— 1. 18. *Oon of my night raites.* A gathered piece of cloth worn by women about the neck in their bed rooms. Angl. Sax. *Nihtes-hragel*, a night-gown.

P. 147, l. 11. *A lockerom kercher.* A "lockrome smocke" occurs in the will of Rachell Aggas, of Melford, widow, 1644. [Lib. Meadows, f. 325.] In Beaumont and Fletcher's "Spanish Curate," "two hundred ells of lockram" are mentioned as being given annually "to poor maiden's marriages;" and in Shakspeare's "Coriolanus,"

———— "The kitchen malkin pins
Her richest lockram bout her reechy neck."

It was probably a coarser kind of linen.

P. 150, l. 17. *Syze hanginge basons of latton.* The use of the hanging bason is shewn in the annexed representation of the interior of a German barber's shop, by Jost Amman; the use of which has been permitted by the Committee of the Bury and West Suffolk Archæological Institute; where a man, whose head has been shaved, appears kneeling



on the second step of a piece of furniture resembling modern bed-steps, and holding his head over a large basin let in the top of it, while water trickles down upon it from a bason hanging by a hook to a peg projecting from the wall, and the barber rubs it with a cloth.

— l. 27. *ij. molver stones with the runners.* The stone which is held in the hand in grinding colours, &c. is called the muller; Fr. *molleur*.

P. 153, l. 6. *A skillet panne.* "Skillet, a small pot of iron or copper with a long handle." Forby. Gage Rokewode explains the word by "vessels usually made of bell metal." Hengrave, p. 36. Phillips has "*Scoletta*, a little bell for a church steeple, whence our vessels called skillets, usually made of bell metal." *New World of Words*. The modern stewpan is called a skillet in East Anglia.

— l. 12. *xx. old shepe and x. hoggs.* Sheep a year old, after the first shearing, are still called hogs and hoggets; N. Fr. *hogetz*. Forby.

P. 154, l. 1. *My bodye to be brought to the erthe wythe out pomp or pryde.* Particular

requests touching the manner of burial are frequent. (See Index.) In 1425 William Calf, capellanus, directed his body to be buried "in linthiamino et non in cista." [Lib. Osbern, f. 177.] Thomas Brown, of Bury, shoemaker, 1535, directed his "body to be caryed vpwards in the strett, and not downwards, as my predecessors bathe ben born towards the churche befor me." [Lib. Holland, f. 31.] Thomas Medowe, of Bury, scrivener, 1498, required his body to be "fette to chirche with v. preysts and with the iij. parysshe clerks." [Lib. Pye, f. 65.] In 1527 Thomas Chirche, of Bury, bell founder, directed 12*d.* to be given "to euery of the iij. priests that shall bere my body to chirche." [Lib. Hood, f. 154.] William Clovyer, of Chelsworth, 1541, charged his wife, "to brynge me vnto the herthe honestly accordyng to my value." [Lib. Poope, f. 236.] And Alice Cosyn, of Fornham, 1524, directed her "great hutche, a potte, and a panne, to be sold to bringe her to the yearthe." [Lib. Brydone, f. 202.]

P. 155, l. 4. *Pack sadell withe a newe wante and wantgrop withe the best girt.* Phillips has "wantey (country word), a sursingle, or large girth for a pack horse," and "sursingle, a long upper girth to come over a pad or saddle, especially such as are used by carriers to fasten their packs." Tusser, in his "Husbandry Furniture," enumerates "a pannell and wanty, packsaddle and ped." Raynbird [Agriculture of Suffolk] explains wanty by "womb tye."

— l. 5. *A malyn lyne withe my roadfat coveryngs.* A small line composed of two strands a little twisted, used for winding round rope cables, to prevent their being fretted by the blocks, is called a *marline* by our sailors; and a *merlin* in Spanish and *merlini* in Portuguese. Query woadfat coverings?

— l. 15. *The skryne.* Screen.

— l. 17. *The shine and tyle in the house or yarde.* Shingle, or wood tiles, made of cleft oak, were formerly extensively used, but are now seldom seen except on timber spires of churches.

P. 156, l. 10. *One black stered heckfjorde of the age of two yeres.* A "black hewed becfurth" occurs in the will of Thomas Hovell, of Burwell, husbandman, dated 1540. [Lib. Poope, f. 263.] And Forby mentions "heckforthes" as occurring in a Norfolk will of 1579. The Prompt. Parv. has *hefkere*, which is the modern pronunciation in Norfolk.

— l. 12. *One payer of harden shetes.* Made of coarse flax. The coarser parts separated in the dressing of flax or hemp from the *tare* or fine stuff, is called *hards* or *hurds* of flax. Ang. Sax. *heordan*, the refuse of tow.

— l. 22. *One owlde kave stondyng in the buttrye.* A large tub or vessel used in brewing is called a *keve* in the West of England. [Jennings's Gloss.]

P. 166. *Lady Anne Drury.* Anne, daughter of Sir Nicholas Bacon, of Redgrave, eldest son of the Lord Keeper Bacon, and the first person advanced to the dignity of Baronet, was married to Sir Robert Drury, of Hawsted, knighted at the Siege of Rouen in 1591, M.P. for Suffolk, patron of the learned Dr. Donne, and the last male represen-

tative of the Hawsted branch of that ancient family. She was the mother of two daughters, who both died in her lifetime. Dorothy, who died an infant, and Elizabeth, traditionally said to have died from a box on the ear given to her by her father. Surviving her husband, she erected a monument, the work of Nicholas Stone, to his and his father's memory, in Hawsted church; and dying at Hardwick House, 5 June 1524, "was buried in Hawsted chancel the next evening, the register alone recording her death, though she had left a void space after her husband's epitaph for the insertion of her own." [Cullum's Hawsted, p. 147]. Sir John Cullum, who prints several wills of the Drurys from the Bury Registry, appears not to have seen this interesting will.

P. 166, l. 27. *My nephew Robert Bacon*. Eldest son of Sir Robert third baronet, in whose lifetime he died, 25 Aug. 1652.

— 1. 29. *Sister Gawdie*. Dorothy, second daughter of Sir Nicholas Bacon, first baronet, and wife of Sir Bassingbourn Gawdy, Knight. She afterwards married Philip Colby, esq.

— 1. 30. *Sister Waldegrave*. Jemima, third daughter of Sir Nicholas Bacon, first baronet, and wife of Sir William Waldegrave, Knight. She afterwards became wife to Henry Killigrew, esq.

P. 167, l. 10. *Honorable Lord Burley*. William Cecill, Lord Burghley, who succeeded as second Earl of Exeter in 1622, the year following the date of this will, and died in 1640. His "noble ladie" (l. 11) was Elizabeth sister of the last Sir Robert Drury of Hawsted.

— 1. 12. *My dere sister Cecill, the furniture and plate of my chapel*. Lady Anne Drury resided at Hardwick House, now the seat of the Cullums, during her widowhood, and in 1616 procured a renewal of the licence for a chapel there. "The place chosen for that purpose by this lady of fortune and rank was an absolute cellar; and puts one in mind of those caverns in which the primitive Christians are said to have sometimes performed their religious services for the sake of privacy." Two of her husband's sisters, married into the Cecill family: one, Elizabeth, wife of William, second Earl of Exeter; and Diana, her "dere sister," who was married to his younger brother, Sir Edward Cecill, afterwards Viscount Wimbledon. [Hist. Hawsted, 147.]

— 1. 14. *To my sister Wraye . . . towards the fynishinge of Hawsted*. This mansion, which had been begun to be rebuilt by the father of the husband of the testatrix, and was still unfinished, descended to his sister, wife of Sir William Wray, of Glentworth, co. Lincoln, Bart. whose son's widow, in 1656, sold the estate to Thomas Cullum, Esq., in whose representative, the Rev. Sir Thomas Gery Cullum, Bart., it is still vested. The little that remained of the house in 1827 was then pulled down. Interesting notices of the old mansion may be seen in Cullum's Hawsted and Gage's Hundred of Thingoe.

— 1. 21. *Mr. Brabon*. Richard Brabon was presented to the rectory of Whepstead, Suffolk, by Sir William Drury, knight, 10 Aug. 1589. [Hist. Thingoe, 401.]

P. 168, l. 3. *Bowzer Giles*. The testatrix's request that her brother Sir Edmond Bacon should take this person into his care and provide for him, appears to have been com-

plied with. In the will of Sir Edmond, dated 1648 (p. 218), occurs "To Bowser Gyles one hundred pounds."

P. 170. *Francis Pynner*. One of the chief burgesses of Bury St. Edmund's and receiver of the Guildhall Feoffment Charity.

P. 172, l. 22. *The late heary visitation*. Two years before the date of this will, in 1637, the town of Bury St. Edmund's had suffered very severely from the plague. By a brief, dated Nov. 27, 1638, it appears that "almost all the chiefest inhabitants and tradesmen of Bury St. Edmund's being withdrawn into the country for fear of infection of the plague, yet they were 4,000 persons remaining unvisited, and 103 families shut up, 117 sick of sores and under cure at that time, besides 439 persons that had been cured, above 605 dead, and 263 families then infected, all of them to be maintained at y^e common charge of the said town, at the expense of above 200*l.* per week, and they had already disbursed above 2,000*l.* So they desired relief."

P. 179, l. 10. *The feoffment is drawne to soe fewe a number*. A new deed of feoffment was executed in the very year in which Pynner's will is dated.

— l. 23. *The great loss and calamity of fire*. In the year 1608 there was a great fire in the town of Bury St. Edmund's, thus recorded by Stow: "April 11, being Monday, the quarter sessions were held at St. Edmund's Bury, and by negligence an out malt-house was set on fire, from whence, in a most strange and sudden manner, through winds, the fire came to the farthest side of the town, and as it went left some streets and houses safe and untouched. The flame flew clean over many houses and did great spoil to many fair buildings farthest off, and ceased not till it had consumed in and near St. Andrew's Street one hundred and sixty dwelling houses, besides others; and in damage of wares and household stuff to the full value of 60,000*l.*" A rare black-letter tract published in the same year entitled, "The Woefull and Lamentable Wast and Spoile done by a suddaine fire in S. Edmonds-bury in Suffolke, on Monday, the tenth of Aprill, 1608," has been recently reprinted from a copy in the possession of Mr. W. S. Fitch, of Ipswich.

P. 180, l. 20. *My inlaid playeing tables*. In the will of Joan Stevens, of Bury, widow, 1459, occurs "vnum par de tablis cum chesemen & tabilmenys." [Lib. Hawlee, f. 65]; and in that of Margaret Cowbregge, widow, 1480, "j. tabyll with iij. levys of chekers werk." [Ib. f. 295.]

P. 183, l. 1. *Mr. Edmund Calamy*. The celebrated presbyterian divine. He resigned his lectureship at St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmund's, on the publication of Bp. Wren's Articles and the Book of Sports.

P. 185, l. 31. *Table napkins, tare, of the best sort*. Fine linen, the reverse of *harden*, explained in p. 260.

P. 186, l. 4. *My beareing cloath.* The fine mantle or cloth with which a child is usually covered when it is carried to the church to be baptised. Percy.

P. 189. *Two cottages for the habitation of two poor widows.* The almshouse consists of a cottage in two tenements, which are occupied by four poor widows, placed therein by the trustees; and the sum of 10s. a year, which is paid by the Rev. W. W. Poley, as proprietor of the tenement Penns, is employed in repairs of the cottage. It is not found practicable to select such poor widows as do not receive parochial relief. [Charity Comm. Report.]

P. 194. *James Bacon, of Burgate, clerk.* Son of Sir James Bacon, of Friston, knt. He died in 1649, and was interred in the chancel of the church of Burgate, of which he was rector.

P. 199, l. 25. *My bookes of Mr. Perkins workes in three volumes.* Mr. Perkins, preacher at St. Andrew's church, Cambridge, was a rigid Calvinist, suspended by Archbishop Whitgift for having declared his approbation of the Book of Discipline. He died in 1602, aged 44, and his works, collected and published in 1606, in three volumes folio, were in high repute among churchmen and dissenters. They have been printed in French, Dutch, Italian, and Spanish.

P. 200. *Jasper Despotin, M.D.* An Italian physician, converted from Romanism through intimacy with Bp. Bedell, then chaplain of the embassy at Venice. He accompanied Mr. Bedell to England, on his return, and was introduced by him into practice at Bury St. Edmund's. Of his professional skill, see Autobiography of Sir Simonds D'Ewes, ii. 123, 143.

P. 201, l. 34. *Mr. Clegatt, minister of St. Maries parish in Bury St. Edmund's.* Ejected for non-conformity, after holding the preachiership for eighteen years; and, dying Sept. 12, 1663, was buried in the chancel of that church.

P. 202, l. 9. *Mr. William Bedle, of Rattlesden.* Eldest son of Dr. William Bedell, the celebrated Bishop of Kilmore. He made his escape from Ireland during the persecutions under which his father sunk.

P. 208, l. 34. *A silver becker.* Becher in German signifies a cup or goblet, as does beker in Dutch and Teutonic. Possibly we derived the vessel to which the name was originally given from Flanders or Germany. The word biker occurs as early as 1348. [Prompt. Parv. note, by Way.] Forby derives the word from Ang. Sax. *bece*, fagus, the ordinary drinking vessels being made of beech-wood.

P. 209, l. 4. *Bandealers.* Little wooden cases covered with leather, containing the

charge for a musket; of which every musketeer wore twelve hanging on his shoulder-belt.

P. 209, l. 7. "*Synopsis Papismi*: that is, a generall viewe of papistry: wherein the whole mysterie of iniquitie, and summe of anti-Christian doctrine, is set downe, which is maintained this day by the synagogue of Rome, against the Church of Christ, together with an antithesis of the true Christian faith, and an antidotum or counterpoysen out of the Scriptures, against the whore of Babylon's filthy cupp of abominations: deuided into three books or centuries; that is, so many hundreds of Popish heresies and errors. Collected by Andrew Willet, Bachelor of Divinity. London, 1592."

P. 210, l. 18. *Sett out by dooles*. Forby gives this word as still used in East Anglia for a boundary mark in an uninclosed field. It is very often a low post, thence called a dool-post. Ang. Sax. *delan*, dividere. See also Prompt. Parv.

P. 211. *Sir Edmund Bacon, Bart.* Second Baronet; grandson of the Lord Keeper Bacon; and brother of Lady Anne Drury, whose will is printed in p. 166. He married the Hon. Philippa Wotton, daughter and co-heir of Edward Lord Wotton of Marley; but, dying without issue on 10th April, 1649, was succeeded in the title by his brother Robert.

P. 213, l. 5. *The tomb of my neece Elizabeth*. The beautiful and accomplished daughter of the Lady Anne Drury, whose will is printed in p. 166. She died in 1610, at the early age of 15; and her monument in Hawsted church represents her, all in white, leaning on her elbow, an attitude which is believed to have originated the tradition of her death being caused by grief for a box on the ear by her father. Her epitaph is said by Sir John Culhum to have been written by Dr. Donne, who has also celebrated her memory in an elegy, in which these remarkable lines occur [Hist. Thingoe, p. 438]:

" Her pure and eloquent blood
Spoke in her cheeks, and so distinctly wrought,
That one might almost say her body thought."

P. 216, l. 7. *Lady Wootton*. Hesther, daughter and sole heir of Sir William Pucker-ing, of Oswald Kirk, co. York, and widow of Sir Edward Wotton, created Baron Wotton, of Marley, in 1603, and died 1628.

— l. 13. *Lady Howell, daughter to the Lord Thomas Wotton*. Thomas Lord Wotton, son and heir of Edward 1st Baron, died in 1630. Dugdale does not give the name of Howell among the alliances of his daughters; but says that Anne married Sir Edward Hales, of Tunstall, Kent.

— l. 15. *Lady Mentice*. This is a misprint for Meutice. The lady was Anne, daughter of Sir Nathaniel Bacon, K.B. of Culford, co. Suff. by Jane, daughter of Hercules Meautys, and widow of Sir William Cornwallis. She was married first to her cousin Thomas Meautys, Clerk of the Privy Council (great-nephew to Hercules), and secondly to Sir Harbottle Grimston, 2nd Baronet, and died in 1680. [Clutterbuck's Hertfordshire, i. 93, 96.]

P. 216, l. 28. *My brother Sir Butts Bacon, Bart.* Of Mildenhall, co. Suff., third son of Sir Nicholas Bacon, first baronet; was himself created a baronet, 20 July, 1627. In 1755 his descendant Sir Richard, eighth baronet of Mildenhall, became seventh baronet of Redgrave, and united the honours of both branches of the family.

P. 217, l. 1. *Mr. Henry Bacon.* Only surviving son of Sir Butts Bacon, Bart. of Mildenhall, whom he succeeded in the title in 1661.

— 1. 3. *Mr. Payton Bacon.* Third son of Sir Robert Bacon, third baronet, of Redgrave.

— 1. 5. *Mr. Butts Bacon.* Elder brother of Mr. Payton Bacon, and father of Robert fifth baronet, who sold the Redgrave estate to Lord Chief Justice Holt.

— 1. 6. *Mr. Robert Bacon, of Riborowe.* Afterwards third baronet of Redgrave.

— 1. 7. *My great limbacke.* Alembic, a still.

— 1. 8. *Mr. Nicholas Bacon, of Gisingham.* Afterwards created a baronet, being the third baronetcy in the family. This title became extinct at the death of his second son, Richard third baronet, of Gisingham, in 1685.

— 1. 10. *My Iseland cornelian with the antike figure in it.* Antique cornelian intaglios were commonly used as private seals. One found a few years since near to the collegiate church of Stoke by Clare, has a device representing a genius about to present a head or mask to a little fawn, who is dancing before him. It bears on the silver setting the legend, "Jesvs: est: amor: meus." It is conjectured to have been chosen by some members of the church of Stoke, which was dedicated to St. John the Baptist, from a supposed assimilation to the scriptural history of the delivery of the head of St. John to the daughter of Herodias. This curious seal is engraved in the *Archæological Journal*, iii. 76, and in the "Proceedings of the Bury Archæol. Institute," i. p. 53. Another remarkable instance is the conversion by the monks of Durham of a head of Jupiter Tonans into a "Caput Sancti Oswaldi Regis."

— 1. 21. *Mrs. Anne Butts, my grandmother.* Wife of Edmund Butts, Esq. and mother of Anne lady of the first baronet. The effigy of this lady remains on brass in Redgrave church, Suffolk, with the following inscription around and at the foot of the figure:—

"Anne Butts, widdowe, changed this mortall life for an Imortall the 21 of December 1609. She was the daughter and coheyre of Henrye Byres Esq^r, wife to Edmond Butts Esq^r, and mother to the Lady Anne Bacon wife of S^r Nicholas Bacon Knight, who was her onely child.

"The weaker sexes strongest precedent

Lyes here belowe, seaven fayre yeares she spent

In wedlock sage; and since that merry age

Sixty-one yeares she lived a widdowe sage;

Hymble as great, as full of grace as elde,

A second Anna had she by beheld

Christ in his flesh, whom now she glorious sees,

Belowe that first in time not in degrees."

P. 217, l. 25. *My damaske sword.* Of Damascus steel, a very fine kind of steel, made more particularly at Damascus, remarkable for its excellent temper.

— 1. 26. *Mr. John Cradlocke, Minister of Burrow.* He is called Ric. in the list of Rectors of Barrow in Gage's Hist. Thingoe, p. 17. He was rector from 26 Jun. 1608 to 1651.

P. 220, l. 11. *Trundle bedstead.* The trundle or truckle bedstead was that in which the attendant slept in the same chamber; and which was run under the "standing bed" when not used.

— 1. 19. *My watered grogerin gowne, &c.* A coarse thick taffety was called grogram.

— 1. 28. *Musket rest.* A staff the height of a man's shoulder, with a kind of fork of iron at the top to receive the musket, and a ferule at bottom to steady it in the ground.

P. 221, l. 1. *A livery cupbord.* A store cupboard, whence things were *liéré* or given out as wanted for use; or probably for the *liceries*, or meal served in the bedchamber temp. Eliz. after supper, which consisted of bread, beer, and spiced wine. A "carpet for the lyvery cubberd" occurs in the will of Elisabeth Coddington, of Ixworth, 1571. [Proceedings of Bury Arch. Instit. i. p. 120.]

— 1. 2. *A keepe.* A safe in which to keep meat from the flies in the summer season. Minshew.

P. 222. *Robert Bacon, of Rodgrace, Esq.* Eldest son of Sir Robert Bacon, third baronet of Redgrave. He married Catharine, daughter of Grave Violet, Esq. of Pynkney House, co. Norfolk, and died in the lifetime of his father, 25 Aug. 1652, leaving issue Edmund, afterwards fourth baronet, and four daughters. In the will of his uncle Sir Edmund (p. 219) he is described as of Thornage.

P. 223, l. 8. *My son-in-law George Reve, Esq.* Of Thwaite, co. Suffolk. created a baronet in 1662-3. He married Philippa, one of the daughters of the testator. The lady erroneously assigned to him in Burke's Extinct Baronetage, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Robert Crane, Bart. of Chilton, was married to Sir Edmund Bacon, Lady Reeve's brother.

P. 225. *Two daughters Jemima and Frances.* Jemima Bacon was married first to Thomas Gardiner, esq. and secondly to Sir John Brattel, knight; and Frances to Paul Bockenham, esq.

P. 227. *Sir John Tracy, of Stifkey.* Father of Catharine wife of Butts Bacon, esq. brother of the testator.

ERRATUM.—The history of Robert King of Sicily, referred to in p. 12, l. 8, and in notes p. 233, was the story of "Robert the Devil," a favorite morality of the Middle Ages. The play of "Robert kyng of Cicyle or Robert le Diable" was performed at Chester in 1529.

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SOCIETY.

FOR THE PUBLICATION OF
EARLY HISTORICAL AND LITERARY REMAINS.

At a General Meeting of the Camden Society held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Thursday, the 2nd of May, 1850,

THE LORD BRAYBROOKE, THE PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

THE President having opened the business of the Meeting,

The Secretary read the Report of the Council agreed upon at their meeting of the 17th of April, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Council be received and adopted, and that the Thanks of the Society be given to the Council for their services.

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Editors of the Society's publications for the past year, and to the Local Secretaries.

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Rev. Edward Ryder, for his kindness in permitting the Society to publish the Original Letters of Queen Elizabeth and King James : and that this expression of their thanks be accompanied by the wish, that he will add to the obligation he has conferred upon the Society, and the service he has already rendered to Historical Literature, by permitting the Council to make a further selection from the valuable historical documents in his possession.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Auditors, agreed upon at their Meeting of the 27th of April, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said Report be received and adopted, and that the Thanks of the Society be given to the Auditors for their services.

Thanks having been voted to the Treasurer, the Meeting proceeded to the election of a President and Council for the year next ensuing; when,

The Right Hon. Lord BRAYBROOKE, F.S.A.

was elected PRESIDENT; and

JOHN YONGE AKERMAN, Esq. Sec. S.A.

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WILLIAM JOHN THOMS, Esq. F.S.A. and

THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq. M.A. F.S.A.

were elected as the COUNCIL; and

EDWARD FOSS, Esq. F.S.A.

WILLIAM RICHARD DRAKE, Esq. F.S.A. and

EDWARD HAILSTONE, Esq. F.S.A.

were elected Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year.

Thanks were then voted to the Secretary, and to the President, for the warm interest always taken by him in the proceedings of the Society, and for his kind and able conduct in the Chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, 1850.

At a Meeting of the COUNCIL of the Camden Society held at No. 25, Parliament Street, Westminster, on Wednesday the 8th May, 1850, the Council having proceeded to the Election of Officers,—

THOMAS AMYOT, Esq. was elected Director; JOHN PAYNE COLLIER, Esq. Treasurer; and WILLIAM J. THOMS, Esq. Secretary, for the Year next ensuing.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CAMDEN SOCIETY,
ELECTED 2nd MAY, 1849.

THE COUNCIL of the Camden Society, elected on the 2nd of May, 1849, while obliged to repeat the admission of their predecessors, that, in common with every other literary society of a similar nature, the Camden has suffered a diminution in its ranks from the operation of public causes, are happy to announce that the same feeling which led to the successful establishment of the Society still exists, and that, although the causes to which allusion has been made have led to a reduction of the Society's annual income, there remains every prospect of its continuing its course of usefulness for many years to come.

Acting upon this conviction, the Treasurer has invested a composition paid during the past year in lieu of future annual payments, by which means the sum standing in the name of the Trustees has been increased from £911 11s. to £921 18s.

The Council have added to the List of Local Secretaries the name of MAJOR PARKINSON, who has consented to undertake that office for Ystrad and South Wales; and, when they remember the number of gentlemen spread over the country who are now interested in historical and archaeological studies, they cannot but believe that if Members resident in districts for which Local Secretaries have not yet been appointed could be induced to take upon themselves an office entailing little trouble, but capable of being rendered most serviceable to the Society, no difficulty would be experienced in supplying those vacancies in our ranks which have been produced by the progress of years and the operation of public causes.

The Council have to regret the deaths, during the past year, of—

ARTHUR BIGGS, Esq.

Rev. WILLIAM BLUNT, B.A.

Rev. THOMAS BYRTH, M.A., F.S.A.

The Very Reverend the DEAN OF HEREFORD, F.S.A.

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WILLIAM WORDSWORTH, Esq.

To this list must be added the names of Mr. J. STOCKDALE HARDY, F.S.A. for some years the active and efficient Local Secretary for Leicester, and Mr. THOMAS STAPLETON, late Vice-President of the Society of Antiquaries.

The interest which Mr. Stapleton always displayed in the welfare of the Camden Society, in the formation of which he took an early part, was manifested not only by the punctuality with which he attended the Meetings of the Council, of which he continued a Member until the close of the past year, but by the readiness with which he employed his stores of genealogical knowledge in editing for the Society the Plumpton Correspondence, the Liber de Antiquis Legibus, and the Peterborough Chronicle. He was busily engaged upon the last-mentioned work when seized with the fatal illness which eventually deprived the Society of an accomplished and zealous labourer, and the Council of a most respected and efficient colleague.

The Council have, during the past year, added the following works to the List of those proposed to be published by the Society:—

I. The Trevelyan Papers. A Selection of Family Papers illustrative of Irish History, from A.D. 1595 to the Restoration. To be edited by Sir W. C. TREVELYAN, Bart.

II. Privy Purse Expenses of Charles II. and James II. To be edited by J. Y. AKERMAN, Esq. Sec. S.A.

The books issued during the past year have been—

I. *Chronicon Petroburgense*. Nunc primum typis mandatum, curante THOMAS STAPLETON.

This work, commenced and nearly completed by the late Mr. Stapleton—for the editing of the Chronicle and the Appendix had been fully superintended by him—was rendered available by the exertions of Mr. Bruce, who, when Mr. Stapleton's labours were interrupted, kindly undertook, out of his personal respect to Mr. Stapleton, and his willingness on this as on many other occasions to do anything in his power for the service of the Camden Society, to complete the Introduction and Index.

To the same Gentleman the Society is indebted for editing the second book issued during the past year: viz.—

II. *Inedited Letters of Queen Elizabeth*, addressed to King James VI. of Scotland between the years 1581 and 1594. From the originals in the possession of the Rev. Edward Ryder of Oaksey, Wilts. Edited by JOHN BRUCE, Esq. Treas. S.A.

A work which has already been recognised as well calculated to throw great light on an eventful period in our national history, and, being chiefly founded upon documents preserved in private hands, it would probably have remained unpublished and unknown but for the existence of the Society, furnishing another instance of the benefit which this Institution has been the means of conferring upon our National Literature. The Meeting will probably think it right to testify their obligations to the Rev. Edward Ryder by a vote of thanks.

III. *The Chronicle of Queen Jane, and of Two Years of Queen Mary*, and especially of the rebellion of Sir Thomas Wyatt, written by a resident in the Tower of London. Edited, with Illustrative Documents and Notes, by JOHN GOUGH NICHOLS, Esq. F.S.A.

This work has been so recently completed that it is at present in the hands of but few of the Members. The Council believe that it will be found a work of great historical interest, and an interesting companion to the volume of Machyn's Diary; and that it has been edited with the same scrupulous care and fidelity for which that work is distinguished.

In closing this Report the Council would remind the Members that the Camden Society was the first to apply the great principle that "union is strength" to the production of works which although of great historical value do not possess sufficient popular interest to justify their publication

in a merely commercial point of view. Its object is the dissemination of sound historical knowledge; and the Council feel that while this object is kept steadily in view and the funds of the Society are carefully administered in the manner best calculated to promote it, the Camden Society will never want the support of all who delight to investigate the social, political, or literary history of our fatherland.

By Order of the Council,

THOMAS AMYOT, Director.

WILLIAM J. THOMS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS,

DATED APRIL 27, 1850.

WE, the Auditors appointed to audit the Accounts of the Camden Society, report to the Society, that the Treasurer has exhibited to us an account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Society, from the 28th of April, 1849, to the 27th of April, 1850, and that we have examined the said accounts, with the vouchers relating thereto, and find the same to be correct and satisfactory.

And we further report that the following is an Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure during the period we have mentioned.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Balance of last year's account	121	0	10	Paid for the purchase of £10 7s. Three per Cent. Consols, invested for the benefit of the Society	10	0	0
Received on account of Members whose Subscriptions were in arrear at the last Audit	86	0	0	Paid for printing and paper of 1,000 copies of "Twysden on the Government of England"	139	6	8
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May, 1849	596	0	0	The like for 1,000 copies of "Letters of Elizabeth" ..	112	5	9
By composition received from one Member	10	0	0	The like for 1,250 copies of "Peterborough Chronicle" ..	143	18	0
One year's dividend on £911 11s. 0d. 3 per Cent. Consols, standing in the names of the Trustees of the Society, deducting property-tax ..	26	10	10	Paid for binding 1,000 copies of "Huntingdon Visitation" ..	38	0	0
				The like for 800 copies of "Smith's Obituary"	30	8	0
				The like for 800 copies of "Twysden on the Government of England"	33	12	0
				The like for 800 copies of "Letters of Elizabeth" ..	32	0	0
				The like for 800 copies of "Peterborough Chronicle" ..	30	8	0
				The like for 50 copies of "Smith's Obituary," and 50 of "Twysden"	4	0	0
				Paid for Transcripts connected with works published or in progress	16	9	3
				Paid for delivery and transmission of 800 copies of "Smith's Obituary," "Twysden's Considerations," "Letters of Elizabeth," and "Peterborough Chronicle," with paper for wrappers, &c.	38	10	10
				Paid for Miscellaneous Printing, Lists of Members, Reports, &c.	16	17	0
				One year's payment for keeping Accounts and General Correspondence of the Society	52	10	0
				Paid for the expenses of last General Meeting	2	7	0
				Paid for postage, carriage of parcels, stationery, and other petty cash expenses	11	17	1
				Balance	127	2	1
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And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £127 2s. 1d. there are outstanding various subscriptions of Foreign Members, of Members resident at a distance from London, &c. which the Treasurer sees no reason to doubt will shortly be received.

On consideration of the great inconvenience attached to the present system of closing the annual Account at an indefinite day previous to the General Meeting, and the palpable advantage of adopting the termination of the year as the termination of the annual Account, we beg to recommend that for the future the annual Account shall be closed on the 31st of December in each year, and that a note of the fact shall be added to the Account of 1850, explaining the reason for the apparent diminution of Receipts in that year.

J. Y. AKERMAN,
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